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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

A Bill to Encourage American Ship-building.

Appropriation for the Improvement of the Monongahela River.

House Standing Committees Appointed.

Adjourned Over the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, December 20, 1875.

SENATE.

Osage Indian Agency.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior in answer to a resolution of the Senate of December 18, transmitting various papers connected with the investigation into the affairs of the Osage Indian Agency. Ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

Another Louisiana Senator.

Mr. BAYARD presented the credentials of Robert H. Marr, signed by Jno. McEnery as Governor of Louisiana, appointing him United States Senator from Louisiana to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. L. McMillan. Laid upon the table.

President of the Senate.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he desired to state, before offering a resolution which he proposed, that in regard to the resolution offered by him last Friday, touching the President of the Senate, there had been some discussion, and upon further conference with Senators, he thought there should be no question of doubt as to who is President of the Senate between this date and the day of the meeting of Congress after the holiday recess. He therefore offered the following:

Resolved, That Thos. W. Ferry, Senator from the State of Michigan, be President of the Senate until January 7th, 1876, and until a fresh appointment shall be made.

The Chair (Mr. Anthony) announced that the question was upon the passage of the resolution.

Mr. SAULSBURY said he did not desire to interpose any objection to this resolution, but it seemed to him that it involved questions already before the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The resolution assumed that the Senate had not a President, and he merely wished to call the attention of the Senator of Vermont to that fact.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he had drawn the resolution so as not to assume that fact. The resolution did not declare whether or not Mr. Ferry was President. It merely declared he should be. If Mr. Ferry is not President of the Senate, then he will be until the time named by the passage of this resolution.

Mr. BAYARD offered a substitute declaring A. G. Thurman President of the Senate until January 7, 1876, or until a fresh appointment shall be made, and upon this demanded the yeas and nays.

The substitute was rejected—yeas 21, nays 24—a strict party vote. Messrs. Allison, Paddock, Wadleigh, Cragin and Cameron (Pa.), who would have voted against the substitute, were paired with Messrs. Merrimon, Ransom, Kelley, Norwood and Stevenson, who would have voted for it. The original resolution submitted by Mr. Edmunds was then adopted.

Mr. FERRY then took the Chair, and said: Senators, I desire to thank you for your further courtesy and confidence.

Mr. MORTON said he desired to state that by voting for the resolution he had not committed himself to any evasion, but voted for it merely as a matter of precaution.

Steamboat Inspectors.

Mr. MORRILL submitted a resolution that the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting by bill or otherwise some measure to increase the efficiency of the service of steamboat inspectors. He said if the accounts in the newspapers of the loss of life on the Pacific coast were true, something should be done to improve the service.

The resolution was agreed to.

The Late Election in Mississippi.

The Chair laid before the Senate the unfinished business, being the resolution of Mr. Morton to authorize the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the circumstances attending the late election in Mississippi.

After further discussion the resolution went over until after the holiday recess.

Bills Introduced.

Mr. HITCHCOCK introduced a bill to transfer the Indian Bureau from the Interior Department to the War Department. Referred.

Mr. DAWES introduced a bill making an appropriation of $150,000 to continue the improvement of the Monongahela river in the States of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Referred.

Mr. BOUTWELL introduced a bill to increase the efficiency of the navy and promote the maritime interests of the United States. Ordered to be printed and lie upon the table. The bill proposes a system of bounties on ship building, as follows: The Secretary of the Treasury is to offer a bounty of not more that eight dollars per ton, to be paid each year for a period of five years, for the construction in the United States of iron steamships of not less that 10,000 tons each, not exceeding 50,000 tons, in the aggregate not more than 100,000 tons to be authorized in any one year, said ships to be employed exclusively in the foreign trade. Proposals are to be received and preference given the first year for 50,000 tonnage on the Atlantic coast, 25,000 upon the great lakes and Mississippi river, and 25,000 on the Pacific coast. Vessels are to be constructed on models approved by the Navy Department, and the Government to have the right to purchase or employ them upon the appraisement of a disinterested commission. The bill also provides for the payment of bounties on vessels hereafter launched, as follows: Six dollars per ton for sailing vessels of 400 tons and upwards employed in the foreign trade and between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States, and four dollars per ton for sailing vessels of not less than 200 tons burden, authorized to engage not more than three months per year in the coasting trade; provided that if vessels of the two last named descriptions are afterwards enrolled for the coasting trade, the bounties shall be refunded to the Government, less ten per cent. per year. A bounty of four dollars per ton for a period of five years is provided for vessels employed in the cod or mackerel fishery not more than four months each year. All vessels employed in the foreign trade or fisheries may purchase supplies in bond without the payment of duty. The bill finally provides that vessels hereafter built by the Navy Department for open sea service shall not exceed 10,000 tons each.

National and State Rights.

Mr. MCDONALD gave notice that he would at the proper time offer resolutions, and move their adoption, as a substitute for those recently submitted by his colleague, (Morton,) in regard to national and State rights.

Mr. MORTON—Introduce them now, and let them be printed.

Mr. MCDONALD—I desire to introduce them hereafter.

A Steamboat Rechristened.

Mr. BOGY called up the House bill to change the name of the steamer Tom Jasper, of St. Louis. Passed.

Revolutionary War Claims.

Mr. DENNIS introduced a bill for the settlement of war claims of officers of the Revolutionary War. It provides that officers of the army of the Revolution who were entitled to half pay for life under the resolutions of Congress of October 3d and 21st, 1780, January 1st, May 8th and December 31st, 1781, and March 8th, 1875, shall be entitled to receive the same, although such officer may have received in lieu thereof by certificates or otherwise the commutation of full pay for five years under the resolution of March 2d, 1781. The bill also provides that the benefit of the resolution of the 24th of August, 1780, shall be extended to widows and lineal descendants of all officers embraced therein who died in the service at any period during the war of the Revolution. It also authorizes accounting officers of the Treasury to adjudicate all such claims, and provides that the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, issue stock of the United States for such claims, said stock to be redeemed twenty years from date, and bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum. It also pledges the faith of the United States for the payment of interest and the redemption of the principal of the stock which may be issued under the act. Referred.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, January 5th, 1876.

HOUSE.

Standing Committees.

The journal of Friday last having been read, and some Executive communications being laid before the House, the Speaker announced the Standing Committees.

The committees are as follows:

Elections—Messrs. Harris (Virginia), Thompson, Blackburn, Beebe, House, Debolt, Poppleton, Hoar, Wells, Baker (Indiana), and Brown (Kansas).

Ways and Means—Messrs. Morrison, Wood, Hancock, Thomas, Hill, Chapin, Tucker, Blaine, Kelley, Garfield and Burchard.

Appropriations—Messrs. Randall, Holman, Wells (Missouri), Atkins, Hamilton (New Jersey), Blount, Singleton, Wheeler, Hale, Foster and Waldon.

Banking and Currency—Messrs. Cox, Payne, Goode, Gibson, Haymond, Burchard, Wike, Townsend (Pa.), Kasson, Eames and Hubbell.

Pacific Railroads—Messrs. Lamar, Atkins, Luttrell, Walker (Virginia), Lynde, Throckmorton, Thomas (Maryland), Philips (Missouri), Garfield, Kasson, Platte, O'Neil and Blair.

Judiciary—Messrs. Knott, Hunter, Ashe, Lynde, Lord, Hurd, Canfield, McCreary, Lawrence, Faye, and Starkweather.

Public Lands—Messrs. Saylor, Goodin, Fuller, McFarland, Walling, Gause, Lane, Hathorne, McDill, Morey and Crounse.

Foreign Affairs—Messrs. Swann, Faulkner, Banks, Barnum, Ely, Hamilton (Ind.), Springer, Forney, Monroe, Williams (Wis.) and Packer.

Military Affairs—Messrs. Banning, Glover, Williams (Michigan), Ferry, Cook, Reily (Pennsylvania), Hardenburgh, MacDougall, Thornburg, Hurlbut and Strait.

Commerce—Messrs. Hereford, Ward, Durand, Reagan, Piper, Kehr, Pierce, Felton, Hunter, Ross (Pennsylvania), and Dunnell.

Postoffices and Postroads—Messrs. Clark (Missouri), Waddell, Luttrell, Ainsworth (Iowa), Walker (New York), McMahon, Slemmons, Conner, Miller, Stowell and Wallace (South Carolina).

Claims—Messrs. Bright, Neal, Brown (Kentucky), Robbins (North Carolina), Tarbox, Cochrane, Phillips (Missouri), Pratt, Bass, Bradley and Cason.

War Claims—Messrs. Eden, Milliken, Warren, Cabell, Ellis, Caldwell, Conger, Smith (Pennsylvania), Wilson (Iowa), and Haskins.

Naval Affairs—Messrs. White, Howe, Lewis, Mills, Jones (New Hampshire), Williams (Delaware), Robbins (Pennsylvania), Burleigh, Harris (Massachusetts), Hayes and Danford.

Revision of Laws—Messrs. Durham, Southard, Bell, Metcalf, Teese, Douglas, Sparks, Denison, Oliver and Robinson.

Education and Labor—Walker (Virginia), Lamar, Cutler, Stinger, Clark, (Missouri), Springer, Hoar, Magoon (Wis.), White and Nash.

District of Columbia—Buckler, Neal, Phelps, Cote, Hartinge, Hinkle, Stevenson McCrary, Willard, Hender and Phillips, (Kansas).

Public Buildings and Grounds—Messrs. Holman, Wells (Missouri), Harrison, Cook, Hewitt (New York), Walsh, Young, Williams (Michigan), Woodworth, Plaisted and Kimball.

Patents—Messrs. Vance, Bogley, Jr., (New York), Douglas, Landers, Hartzell, Clark (New York), Smith (Georgia), Conger, Dobbins, Sampson and Hage.

Invalid Pensions—Messrs. Jenks, Bagley (Illinois), Wilson (West Virginia), Bliss, Hewitt (Alabama), Rice, Yeates, Rusk, Sennickson, Purman and Rainey.

Revolutionary Pensions—Messrs. Hunter, Bland (Missouri), Phelps, Clarke (Kentucky), Hurd, Davis, Schoemaker, Townsend (New York), Dobbins, Henderson and Williams (New York).

Indian Affairs—Messrs. Scales, Wilshire, Boone, Sparks, Hooker, Morgan, Lane, Seelye, Page, Van Vorhees and Tufts.

Weights and Measures—Messrs. Stephens (Georgia), O'Brien, Potter, Sayler, Parsons (New York), Maist (Wisconsin), Chittenden and Seelye.

Territories—Messrs. Southard, Caldwell, Mutschler, Franklin, Mead, Culbertson, Wiggenton, Fort, Mackey, Freeman, Bagley (New York) and Patterson.

Agriculture—Messrs. Caldwell, Harris (Georgia), Maish, Davis, Rea, Goodin, Anderson, Smith (Pennsylvania), Ruske Van Vocrees and Smalls.

Mines and Mining—Messrs. Bland, Turney, Durham, Potter, Odell, Gibson, Campbell, Evans, Woodburn, Caswell and Lynch.

Private Land Claims—Messrs. Gunter, Buckner, Parsons, Powell, Candler, Levy, Ainsworth, Ketcham, Joyce, Cannon, and Lapham.

Public Expenditures—Messrs. Milliken, Hatcher, Perry, Cowan, Dibrell, James, Reilly, Campbell (Illinois), Whiting, Norton, Wood (Pennsylvania), and Haratson.

Railways and Canals—Messrs. Jones (Kentucky), Stone, Savage, Meade, Schleicher, Mackey (Pennsylvania), Landers, Davy, Henderson, Frost and Hage.

Accounts—Messrs. Williams (Indiana), Roberts, Powell, Haskin and Foot.

Expenditures in War Department—Messrs. Clymer, Robbins (North Carolina), Blackburn, Bass and Danford.

Expenditures in Post Office Department—Messrs. Stone, Reagan, Walker (New York), Stowell and Adams.

Mississippi Levees—Messrs. Ellis, Hatcher, Walshire, Morey, Roberts, Young, Sheakley, Durrell, Whiting, Morey and Wallace (Pa.)

Reform in the Civil Service—Messrs. Whitehouse, Brown (Ky.), Throckmorton, Payne, Collins, Debold, Cutler, Hurlbut, Harris (Mass.), Foster and Leavenworth.

Manufactures—Messrs. Stone, Dibbrell, Ross (N. J.), Williams (Ala.), Hopkins, Morey, Burchard, Farwell, Bolton (R. I.), Williams (N. J.) and Hyman.

Militia—Messrs. Cowan, Hereford, Bell, Scales, Candler, Walsh, Tarbox, Ross (Pa.), Sarrall, Crounse and King.

Expenditures on Public Buildings—Messrs. Metcalfe, Wilson, (W. Va.), Bagley, Pratt and Townsend (N. Y.)

Expenditures in the Navy Department—Messrs. Beebe, Mills, Sheakley, Burleigh and Baker (N. Y.)

Expenditures in the State Department—Messrs. Springer, Thompson, Caldwell, Wallace and Leavenworth.

Expenditures in the Treasury Department—Messrs. Ely, Bright, Hartzell, Williams (Michigan), and Plaisted.

Expenditures in the Interior Department—Messrs. Mutchler, Boone, Anderson, Woodwork and Tufts.

Expenditures in the Department of Justice—Messrs. Canfield, Candler, House, Starkweather, Joyce, Mileage, Egbert, Bradford, Odell, Casnell, and Walls.

Printing—Messrs. Vance (Ohio), Singleton and Ballou.

Committee on Rules—The Speaker, Messrs. Randall, Cox, Blaine and Banks.

Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Harris (Georgia), Hamilton (Ind.) and Darrall.

Library—Messrs. Clymer, Waddell and Monroe.

Select Committee on Centennial Celebration—Messrs. Hopkins, Hancock, Barnum, Banks, Harrison, O'Brien, Williams (N. C.), Hardenbergh, Kelley, Blaine, Lawrence, Baker (N. Y.) and Rainey.

Immediately after the announcement of the committees, the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 5th of January.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 20, 1875.

Thompson's Infernal Machines.

Oelrich & Co., the agents of the steamships Mosel and Salier, say they have no confidence in the statement made by Thompson that there is an explosive machine on board the Salier. Saturday they received a dispatch from Southampton, where the Salier had arrived. She had no cargo when the explosion occurred, but afterward took the cargo of the Mosel. There was the greatest care taken in examining the packages. So far as the agents have been able to learn, no suspicious insurances have been effected upon the cargo of the Mosel.

Duncan, Sherman & Co.

Duncan, Sherman & Co. have been adjudicated involuntary bankrupts on a petition signed by over two hundred creditors, whose claims aggregate $2,168,000.

How the Widow Caught Him.

A gentleman of an autobiographical turn relates how he was instructed in the custom of taking toll, by a sprightly widow, during a moonlight sleigh ride with a merry party. He says:

"The lovely widow L. sat in the same sleigh, under the same buffalo robe, with me."

"Oh! oh! don't, don't!" she exclaimed, as we came to the first bridge, at the same time catching me by the arm and turning her veiled face toward me, while her little eyes twinkled through the moonlight.

"Don't what?" I asked. "I am not doing anything."

"Well, but I thought you were going to take toll," replied the widow.

"Toll!" I rejoined. "What's that?"

"Well, I declare!" cried the widow, her clear laugh ringing out above the music of the bells, "you pretend you don't know what toll is?"

"Indeed I don't then," I said, laughing; "explain, if you please."

"You never heard, then," said the widow, most provokingly—"You never heard that when you are on a sleigh-ride the gentlemen always—that is, sometimes—when they cross a bridge, call a kiss, and claim it toll. But I never pay it."

I said that I never heard of it before; but when we came to the next bridge I claimed the toll, and the widow's struggles to hold the veil over her face we not enough to tear it. At last the veil was removed, her round, rosy face was turned directly toward mine, and in the clear light of a frosty moon the toll was taken, for the first time in my experience. Soon we came to a long bridge, with several arches; the widow said it was of no use to resist a man who would have his own way, so she paid the toll without a murmur.

"But you won't take toll for every arch, will you?" she said, so archly that I could not fail to exact all my dues; and that was the beginning of my courtship.

—One span of the wagon road iron bridge in course of construction over French Creek in Meadville, Pa., gave way on Monday, carrying down twelve workmen, one of whom, J. Price, was instantly killed and five others, J. K. Still, Anthony Price, James Green, Jos. Hack and Jos. Clark, severely injured. Price leaves a family of a wife and three children.

—The court house at Camden, Ark., was consumed by fire on Sunday morning. The books, records and all papers pertaining to the Clerk's office were destroyed.

PAULINE LUCCA having resolved to confine herself for the future to mezza-soprano parts, great exertions are being made by the manager of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden (London), to bring her and Adelina Patti out together.

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

Dissatisfaction Among the Democrats.

The House Committee Chairmanships Not Dealt Out to Suit Them.

INEXPERIENCED MEN PLACED AT THE HEAD OF IMPORTANT COMMITTEES.

Senator McDonald's National and State Rights Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, December 20, 1875.

Treasury Clerkships.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a letter in answer to an inquiry as to whether it is his purpose to make the reappointment of clerkships in the Treasury Department among States and Territories on the basis of population, states that he does not construe section 2d of the act of March 3d, 1873, as directing reappointment to the extent of dismissing clerks from States which now have an excess of appointments, but only as direction to the Secretary with reference to future appointments.

National and State Rights.

The concurrent resolutions which Senator McDonald, of Indiana, will offer in the Senate after the holiday recess as a substitute for those recently submitted by Senator Morton, and of which he gave notice today, have not yet been perfected, and therefore could not be presented. The following is a rough draft of them, containing the substance thereof, though the phraseology may be changed somewhat before their presentation to the Senate:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the people of the United States constitute a nation, and are one people, in the manner only and extent provided for in the Federal Constitution and amendments thereto.

Resolved, That the United Colonies declared and achieved their independence, and the Federal Constitution was formed and adopted by the several States, formerly comprising a confederacy, and called United States of America, the chief purpose of which was to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and provide for common defence, and powers not delegated by it to the United States nor prohibited by it to States where reserved to the States respectively and to the people.

Resolved, That as the States were at the time of the formation and adoption of the Federal Constitution each sovereign, free and independent, except in so far only as such sovereignty had been expressly delegated to Congress by articles of confederation, the rights reserved to the States and to the people in the formation of a Federal Government were sovereign rights, which cannot be impaired without usurpation, and the only safe rule by which to administer the Federal Government with respect to the rights of a State and the people is a strict construction of the Federal Constitution and the amendments thereto, and the assumption of no doubtful powers.

Resolved, That in the formation of the Federal Government it is the clear design to leave each State and the people thereof sovereign as to matters of local or domestic concern, and to confer upon the Federal Government sovereign power as to such matters as might affect the general welfare of all the States, or as might be necessary to secure domestic tranquility, which powers are defined in the Fedral Constitution and its amendments. The people of the United States, therefore, from the nature and character of Governments, State and national, and from their relation to each, are not a national unity in the ordinary sense of that term.

Resolved, That it being the design to make the Government formed under the Federal Constitution perpetual, the right of any State or any number of States to secede from the Union was not reserved. So far as the right has been claimed to exist, it should be deemed forever settled against it by the results of the late civil war.

The House Standing Committees.

After the House of Representative adjourned, immediately on the announcement of the committees there was quite a general interchange of opinions among members in regard to the selections. Those who had been well provided for commended the Speaker's judgment or said nothing, but the prevalent expression was one of dissatisfaction. The Speaker's friends account for this by the paucity of the prizes and the preponderating number of competitors for them. On the other hand, there are many among the Democratic members who severely criticize the selections for a considerable number of prominent positions as unsuitable, as unfair to Congressmen of extended service, who were passed over in the selection of chairmanships and important committee places to make room for new men without legislative experience. Of forty-seven chairmanships (exclusive of the Committee on Rules, of which the Speaker is ex-officio Chairman) twenty-four are given to Western members, ten to Southern, and thirteen to Middle and Eastern States. Of the latter thirteen, six are of underrate importance, being the Committees on Expenditure in various executive departments, &c. Of chairmanships given to Western members, four are of the same description. Four or five of the Southern chairmanships are also unimportant. The West, therefore, holds the first place in the number of chairmanships of the first and second class committees. Out of a total of forty-seven, Ohio and Missouri have each five chairmanships, Illinois four, Kentucky four, Indiana two, and Tennessee two. Virginia and Pennsylvania have three each. North Carolina has two, and no other State has more than one.

The composition of the Pacific Railroad Committee, tested by a recent vote on Mr. Holman's anti-subsidy resolution, is as follows: Chairman Lamar and Messrs. Throckmorton and O'Niell voted against it; Luttrell, Lynde, Thomas, Philips, Garfield, Kasson and Blair for it, and Atkinson (Tenn.), Walker (Va.) and Platt were recorded as not voting.

A Long Contested Case Decided.

The Secretary of the Interior to-day decided upon the appeal of the long contested case of the heirs of Murray McConnell vs. the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, involving the title in land lying on the north and at the mouth of the Chicago river, upon which the depot of the company now stands, and of which the repute value is several millions, the decision being in favor of the company, and to the effect that their title to the land is valid.

THE WAR IN SONORA.

The Mexican Federal Troops Neutral in the Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.—A dispatch from Tucson says, on the authority of well informed gentlemen just arrived overland from Guaymas, the people of Sonora are in a destitute condition from the interference of the recent revolutionary troubles with agricultural pursuits. The people are outspoken in favor of revolution. These gentlemen say three hundred disciplined troops could march successfully through the country, despite the State troops. The Mexican Federal authorities are entirely neutral in the contest now going on, though they recognized the elections last Summer as legal. The Prefect of Guaymas informed them that if a battle should occur between State troops and revolutionists the Federal force there would take no part. They describe the country as an easy route for a railway.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1875—1 A. M.

Probabilities for To-day.

For Tennessee, the Ohio valley and lake region, stationary or falling barometer, southerly winds, cloudy and rain or snow, followed in the western portions by rising barometer and cooler northwest winds.

The rivers continue very generally falling.

Marine News.

LONDON, December 20.—The steamships Pennsylvania, from Philadelphia, and Adriatic, from New York, have arrived out.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Arrived—The steamer Wyoming, from Liverpool.

The Moody and Sankey Revival.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20.—The Depot Church was about three-fourths filled this evening. Rev. Dr. Newton led in prayer, and Rev. Dr. Hatfield made an address. Mr. Sankey sang several of his popular hymns. Mr. Moody was not present. The meeting was one of praise.

—Judge Woods, of New Orleans, has decided in the case of Rosalie Nacuthaul and others *versus* the city of New Orleans and others in favor of the complaints, granting a preliminary injunction restraining the city authorities from paying out funds collected on interest on consolidated bonds for other purposes. The outstanding consolidated bonds amount to $4,142,000 and enough money on hand if not diverted to pay the interest.

☞For Additional Telegrams See Fourth Page.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—President Grant has returned to Washington.

—A fire at Forest City, Ark., on Sunday night, caused a loss of $10,000.

—The $30,000 four mile race at San Francisco will come off on February 22d.

—The convention to frame a constitution for the State of Colorado has assembled at Denver.

—A fire in Little Rock, Ark., yesterday morning, destroyed $46,250 worth of property, including the *Gazette* office.

—David Tennant, an old resident of Loraine county, Ohio, accidentally shot and killed himself on Monday morning.

—The Dominion Premier notified a Montreal deputation that all work on the Lochine Canal that is possible to be done in winter would be contracted for at once, and thus provide work for one thousand men.

—In the United States Circuit Court at Milwaukee, on Monday, Burbach, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the revenue, was sentenced to eight months imprisonment, a fine of $2,000 and one-half the costs of the trial.

—It is pretty definitely ascertained that the amount of money obtained by the express robbers in Missouri, on Saturday morning, was $8,000. Had the robbery been committed before the train reached Mexico, Mo., the amount would have been much larger, as it would have included all western remittances to Chicago. No arrests have been made.

—At a meeting of the General Council of Memphis on Monday night, Councilman Zent presented a series of charges against Mayor Logue by Andrew Davis, late Mayor's Clerk, charging the Mayor with stealing bonds and being privy to the stealing others. The charges were referred to a special committee. Mayor Logue treats the charges with the utmost indifference.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
MUNICIPAL HALL,
PITTSBURGH, December 21, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the assessments for grading and paving of Pearson alley, from Forty-third street to Forty-fourth street, School alley from Chislett alley to Donahue's line, paving and curbing Craig street, from Fifth avenue to Forbes street, and grading, paving and curbing Thirty-fifth street, from Butler street to Allegheny river, are now ready for examination and correction, and will remain at this office for ten (10) days, when they will be returned to the City Treasurer for collection.

A. DEMPSTER, City Engineer.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, SS.—IN THE Court of Common Pleas No. 1. In the matter of the voluntary assignment of JOHN COCHRAN to WM. HENRY. No. 1,100, December Term, 1874. And now, to wit., December 1875, the account of the assignee having been filed in the Prothonotary's office of said Court, it is hereby ordered that notice of the filing of said account, and that the same will be allowed and confirmed absolutely by Court on the 7th day of January, A.D. 1876, unless cause to the contrary be shown, be given by publication in the Pittsburgh Legal Journal for three successive weeks, and once a week for three weeks in the Pittsburgh GAZETTE.

BY THE COURT.

From the Record.
Test. B. F. KENNEDY, Prothonotary.
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FORTY-FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK, 124 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

LIABILITIES.

Amount due depositors Dec. 1st, 1875	$4,074,493 14
Amount dividend Dec. 1st, 1875	110,833 21
Amount contingent fund, Dec 1st, 1875	201,456 94
Total liabilities	$4,386,783 29

ASSETS.

Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	$3,033,237 83
Mortgage interest due	18,080 36
Stock in Pittsburgh banks	71,634 04
U. S. Government bonds	800,000 00
Real estate	151,730 42
Bank furniture, safe, &c	13,671 95
Cash in banks and on hand	298,058 49
Total assets	$4,386,783 39

Present number of depositors 10,002, averaging $418.44 each.

DECEMBER 1st, 1875.

The undersigned Auditing Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the Treasurer's report for the last six months, ending November 30th, 1785, and have examined the assets of the bank, consisting of bonds and mortgages, deeds of real estate, certificates of bank stock, U. S. Government bonds, and the cash in banks (as per bank books) and on hand, and find the same to correspond with the above report.

GEO. D. BRUCE,
JAMES D. KELLY,
O. PHILLIPS,
RICH'D HAYS,
December 16, 1875. Auditing Committee.

The trustees have this day declared a dividend of three (3) per cent. for the last six months ending November 30th, 1875, free of Government tax, and payable forthwith. If not drawn will bear interest from 1st inst.

CHAS. A. COLTON, Treasurer.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 17th, 1875. 67:y

REDUCTION IN PRICES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

SEAL SACQUES.
SEAL MUFFS.
SEAL BOAS.
SEAL SACQUES, Fur Trimmed.
CLOTH SACQUES.
DRESS SILKS.
DRESS GOODS.

A FULL STOCK OF HOUSEKEEPING GOODS

BLANKETS, COMFORTS, FLANNELS, FOR THE COLD WEATHER.

A large stock of Fancy Articles for presents. Cashmere Lace Scarfs and Bows, Silk Ties, Cravats, L. C. Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes, Initial Handkerchiefs.

WHITE, ORR & CO., 35 Fifth Avenue.

GEO. W. BIGGS,
159 Smithfield St.,
Four Doors Above Sixth Avenue,
OFFERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
A large and elegant stock of
Ladies' Gold WATCHES,
Stones, Cameo and Gold Sets,
SLEEVE BUTTONS, STUDS,
18 KARAT RINGS,
GOLD HEAD CANES,
Bracelets,
Pendants, Lockets,
AND
FANCY GOODS.

Extra Fine Watches.

The undersigned have now on exhibition a choice stock of the elegant Watches made at the factory of Tiffany & Co., Geneva, in Ladies' sizes, Open Faced Hunting Cases and Half Hunting Cases, Stem-Winders.

Those thinking of buying a really Fine Watch should examine these splendid specimens of superior and chaste workmanship.

L. McINTOSH & CO.

IN STORE AND FOR SALE.
500 Barrels Minnesota Flour.
150 Barrels Rye Flour.
150 Barrels Burmuda Red Onions.
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WE are reminded by a stockholder of the *Commercial* that the annual meeting was slipped over. What is the matter?

THE Centennial banquet passed off pleasantly, and toasts and speeches alternated through the passing hours. It is believed that the sumptuous repast was very convincing to Congressional stomachs.

THE touch of Winter we have had did not last long, yesterday being a mild, gentle day, with moderated temperature and bright skies. We have the hope that it may continue sufficiently cool to save us from sloppy streets, and thus afford a good Winter temperature.

WE are glad to notice that even the Philadelphia *Times* denounces the utter beastliness of the references of the Titusville *Courier* to President GRANT. The assumed moral sense with which such papers pour out their vileness is an insult to decency. There ought to be enough of moral sense in Titusville to squeeze out such a paper.

THE notables at Philadelphia attended the MOODY and SANKEY meetings Sunday evening. The President and wife, several members of the Cabinet, Senators, members and others were present, and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the services. The Philadelphia meetings, by the way, are accomplishing larger results than did those in Brooklyn.

THE New York press very naturally commend the appointment of GEORGE F. SEWARD as Minister to China. SEWARD has been Mr. FISH's choice for a long time, but he has not been in a situation to receive the appointment. He was under charges of some kind when the appointment was last open, and as the Pacific coast demanded it, he was shut out. He has been, for a long time, at Shanghai, and is acquainted, doubtless, with the language, besides having had experience with the Chinese. The position to which he is appointed is one of great difficulty and dignity, and should not be filled by a second rate man. SEWARD has long desired it, and now has the wish of his heart.

THE failure of the RATTIGAN suits is suggestive of the inquiry, how did they happen to be pushed? They were not tenable under the law, and when it was thought that eight or nine of them could be sustained, it was discovered that no one could be found to prosecute. Evidently others than the directly interested parties pushed these suits. Is there a brokerage in prosecutions going forward, or is it a happy-go-lucky affair that caused the prosecution? We do not waste any sympathy on aldermen who may happen to be caught in such movements. It is too much the case that they give judgments irrespective of evidence, as a means of making fees. If one happens to suffer no honest person need mourn.

DISGUSTED are the Democracy that MORRISON, of Illinois, should be made Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, and so made the leader on the Democratic side of the House. He is not regarded as at all equal to the position, and it is argued that he will prove an easy prey to the Republicans. The Committee is regarded as in the interest of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, and thus loaded with a measure of odium at the outset. Its worst feature, however, is that of the appointment of MORRISON, who is regarded as wholly unsuited to the duties to be performed. COX proposes to "cut loose" from all committees, and go it alone; and others express in forcible terms their profound disgust at the whole affair. This is the first positive act of the term, and it proves that it will be very hard to hold the Democracy together. We do not suppose they will so separate as to prove an easy prey to the Republicans, and a scorn to the public. What we do think is that they will utterly fail to do anything of moment, and thus will come short of the expectations of the country. All this will have its effect on the elections next year.

IT looks as if the Plymouth Church and its scandal would once again have full sway before the people. The action of the Church renders a Council, of some kind, possible, and it is enough that it is possible for those who love notoriety to be in it. What earthly good can come of the rehashing of the filthy mass of evidence already submitted, we cannot imagine. It has been tried in the Civil Courts, and another trial will not be likely to change the results. Thus the only thing possible is the mere parade of evidence. As to Mrs. MOULTON, it is strange that a pure-minded woman would desire to remain in a church whose pastor is, in her view, guilty of adultery. She might not prefer to be put out in just the manner proposed, but certainly she would not wish to stay. It looks very much as though her resistance was more because of the wish to hurl a charge against her pastor than any special desire to retain her membership in the church. It is simply a fight, which has been and is very acrimonious, and this last effort is a feature of the contest. Why the public should be burthened with this trouble is more than we can see. It has been sufficiently aired, and now should go to the bats.

THERE is something refreshing in the independence that investigates the shortcomings of all except yourself and immediate relations. The generosity of ARTEMUS WARD who was perfectly willing that his wife's relations should be sacrificed, is often illustrated in the practical operations of life. There are those who are eminently progressive, and deeply interested in the public good, provided some one else is hurt. This is the spirit that animates the Democracy in the House, just at the present. They are careful to do nothing that will involve themselves,—not even to put forward a resolution, or offer a bill of general advantage to the country, provided there are two opinions as to its expediency. Yet all this while there is nothing in the way of driving at Republicans. As the *Tribune* puts it, "If they can teach Mr. ROBESON how to let worthless ironclads decay at less expense, if they can chop off heads of unnecessary tax eaters hitherto provided by law with neat salaries for doing little or nothing, the country will gain, and not a single Democrat will lose. If the expenses of the Government can be reduced fifty millions, the Democrats will get credit for the savings and they will be enabled to say with justice that the Republicans deserve blame for tolerating unnecessary expenditures." But even the *Tribune's* sublime faith in the Democracy is not equal to the belief that it will go very far in the way of reform, as there is a place where the shoe may pinch: "For a year the Democratic mouth has been watering with expectation of a Presidential victory and a grand distribution of fat things. Democrats have fixed their eyes upon the various offices within reach, and we fear it will be found that there are already a great many more hungry office-seekers than there are places to be filled. When the Democrats begin to abolish comfortable sinecures, to lop off lazy officials, and to screw down expenses to the lowest point, there may be found some Democratic would-be officials to resist. It is even possible that Democratic members may be found who remember that there will be elections of Congressmen next Fall, and who wish to save nice things with which to stimulate the activity of supporters." Thus sorrows are in the way of reform.

CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

There is no problem of deeper interest to a large portion of our population, than that of cheap transportation. It has two sides,—first, the proper remuneration of those who transport goods, and the honest rate for those who own or purchase the transported article. The first may be viewed in this light. Can we cheapen the cost of transportation, and yet leave a profit. Wide gauge railroads cost so much per mile to build, and the operating expenses are graded by the amount and character of traffic. Can we build cheaper roads, and will it pay? That narrow gauge freight roads can be built, there is no doubt. But the roads we now have can do the transporting that is needed, and new roads will represent so much additional capital, that will simply compete with what we have. It is often declared that no harm can come of this; but it is a mistake. The tremendous competition of a short time past shows that great injury can be done to roads, and stockholders, by such ruinous efforts; and thus the entire country is injured. Could trains over existing lines be kept perfectly regular, it could be definitely ascertained what rates would allow a reasonable margin for profits. But cars that go East loaded often are returned empty. Hence, there is so little uniformity in the freight traffic, that no settled basis for estimates exists. The Pennsylvania Railroad, which has the most regular freight traffic, perhaps, of any railroad in the country, expends eight-tenths of a cent per ton a mile for transporting freight. This, could it be applied to all roads, would show what the rate should be in order to leave a fair margin for profit.

On the other hand there is a profounder question of values and profits involved. The grain growing regions of this country are distant from the markets. Producer and consumer are wide apart. Until the great northwest is filled with towns and cities, this condition of things must continue. Perhaps, in the nature of things, it must be perpetual. The tendencies of the times are toward the aggregation of population in manufacturing centres, and these cannot, in the nature of things, be multiplied indefinitely. It is even claimed that already, the manufacturing facilities of the world are in excess of the power to consume. If this be so, there can be no extension of manufactures, and hence no aggregation of working populations in fresh centres. So with regard to produce. Competition is just as vigorous in the purchase and sale of grain, as in anything else. Hence the profitable management of farms requires that large bodies of land shall be cultivated in one line of grain. In the northwest thousands of acres are sown with wheat, and the cost per acre, to plow, sow, reap and market wheat does not exceed ten dollars. If twenty-five bushels are produced, per acre, the average cost is forty cents per bushel. Now, the simple question is, to get this grain to consumers at a cost that will repay the outlay, and afford a profit. It is just here that the transportation problem interests the farmer. In 1868, fourth-class freight from Chicago to New York averaged $14.80 per ton. This rate gradually decreased during the succeeding years, reaching $9.40 in 1872, and during the past year actually fell to $4 per ton from Chicago to Troy, N. Y. These extremely low rates were, no doubt, attributable to the competition between the rival lines, and we presume were entirely inadequate, so far as a fair profit to the lines in question were concerned. But about midsummer there came a change which illustrates more forcibly than any argument could, the power possessed by vast corporations for the good or ill of the country. A meeting was held in New York, participated in by less than half a dozen men, and an advance in freights was agreed upon, which has been increased until now this advance amounts to 125 per cent. over the prices charged a few months ago. This is equal to 14 cents per bushel on grain. The grain crop, according to the agricultural report in 1872, was, in round numbers, 1,700,000,000 bushels. Ten cents per bushel on this would equal $170,000,000, and 14 cents on the same amount equals $238,000,000. Add to this the cost of ocean freights, and we have the total cost of reaching a market that takes at least fifty million bushels annually of our grain products. The balance is consumed within the limits of the country, and is chiefly affected by the cost of railroad transportation.

Probably the average distance of grain transportation is one thousand miles to the market. That sent to New York and the East is transported from one thousand to fifteen hundred miles; but one thousand miles will be nearly the average. Let us assume that forty bushels of grain make a ton, and that grain can be transported at 1½ cents per ton a mile. This will impose on grain an average cost for transportation of 37½ cents per bushel, which, added to the forty cents that its costs to raise it, requires that 77½ be paid to cover these two items. As wheat sells at about a dollar a bushel, on the average, it leaves 22½ cents profit. This goes to the dealer. As a rule, on the basis of one dollar per bushel, the railroad gets from 25 cents to 37½ cents per bushel. Who pays it, is not so much at issue,—it is probably divided between producer and consumer. Thus this question of transportation is very important, involving, as it does, about one-third the entire cost of our grain crop. It can be settled in but one of two ways,—either bring producer and consumer nearer each other, or else develop a cheaper system of transportation. Whether the latter is possible is one of the unsolved problems that can only be referred to the future.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A DISPATCH from Kingston, Jamaica, announces the death there, by apoplexy, of Edward Eddy, an American actor.

A DISPATCH from San Francisco says that several streaks of good ore have been passed in the Sutro tunnel during the last few days. The rock is softer and the progress more rapid.

PROF. STRAWINSKI, a Polish dancing master, well known in several cities where he has taught, committed suicide at Erie on Monday morning by shooting himself in the forehead with a small pistol.

THE famous trotting stallion "Rhode Island," formerly of the Sprague farm, but purchased by Lieutenant Governor Session, of Rhode Island, for $6,000, was taken to the sea coast and died on Sunday.

H. D. WINSOR, who was arrested at Buffalo in June for forging the names of Bernard Stroh and E. W. Hudson to a large amount of paper, the proceeds of which were used in a Utah mining speculation, was acquitted by the jury without leaving their seats, on the ground that Winsor had authority to sign the names.

A GIGANTIC new bridge is about to be built across the St. Lawrence at Montreal, to accommodate street cars, carriages and foot passengers as well as railroad traffic. A viaduct 4,800 feet long, in twenty spans, will conduct from Sherbrooke street to the river; five spans of 600 each will cross the river to St. Helen's Island, which will be traversed by a viaduct with twenty spans of 130 feet each, while twelve spans will cross the unnavigable channel south of the island. The bridge will be 130 feet over the level of the river.

STATE BREVITIES.

A STATE Convention of workingmen, under the auspices of the Junior Sons of '76, will convene at Tyrone, on the 28th instant.

THERE have been subscribed $109,500 towards building the Erie Southern Railroad, and only $21,000 more are required to obtain the charter.

A COUPLE of "tramps" in Lewistown, the other evening, threw stones through a street lamp in order that they might be arrested and furnished quarters for the night. They were successful.

ON Wednesday last, three or four New Castle hunters, while endeavoring to kill a rabbit, accidentally set fire to a haystack belonging to Mr. Wm. Chambers, of North Beaver township, thus destroying about five tons of hay. How the accident occurred it is difficult to say. Some say that they fired at the rabbit and hit the haystack; others that they set fire to the stack while trying to smoke the rabbit out from under it.

THE Trustees of Thiel College, Greenville, last Wednesday completed the purchase of the Ridgeway farm, 44 acres, adjoining their present property; the sum paid being $9,500. This addition to their former plot of 21 acres gives them an unbroken tract of 65 acres, thus securing sufficient room for the boarding hall and other buildings which it is proposed soon to erect, as well as for extensive improvements in the grounds which are contemplated.

AN OLD lady named Ballou, residing at Wampum, Pa., who had been ailing somewhat for years, died suddenly on Tuesday last. As her physicians could never determine what the matter was, a *post mortem* was held on the following day, by Dr. Mehard, assisted by Dr. Barker, of New Castle. It was found that her death resulted from enlargement of the spleen—that organ, which should not exceed seven ounces in weight, in its normal condition, had increased to the extraordinary weight of a little more than *fourteen pounds.*

THE limited mail train stopped "all of a short" at the Rochester depot on last Tuesday evening, whereupon the conductor rushed up to the engine to ascertain of the engineer why he had stopped the train, when the engineer politely replied that the bell had been rung. Of course no one knew who did it, but after the train had gone on its way a tramp made his appearance on the scene and made known the fact that he had ridden between the tender and first baggage until the atmosphere became too cold, when he concluded to pull the bell rope and get off, and take a slow freight for the balance of his journey.

AN instance of ineffable cheek comes from Northampton county, where the other night two men entered the yard of a man named Lerch and took a fat porker from his pig-pen. They drove the pig a short distance from the house and attempted to place him in a wagon that was standing by the roadside. Failing in their attempt they went back to the house and begged Mr. Lerch to go with them and load the pig in the wagon; that it was too heavy for them; that they had driven him a long distance, and that he refused to proceed any further. Mr. Lerch at once consented, the pig was loaded, Mr. Lerch went back to the house and the next morning found that it was his own pig that he had taken a hand in loading on the wagon. Search has been made for the rascals, but they have not as yet been found. Lerch says he feels that he was left in the lurch.

A SINGULAR and very serious accident befel a young man, aged twenty-two or three years, named George Phillips, son of Oliver Phillips, who lives six miles west of Waynesburg, on the Cameron road. Young Phillips, who makes his home with his father, was out on the farm Sunday morning last, and coming across a rabbit track, followed up the track till it ended in a large stone pile. Removing some of the under stone he made room for his body, and crawled in, extending one arm ahead to take hold of the rabbit. While in this position the heavy pile of stone gave down and caught him fast, lying with his face downwards and one arm bent up by his side. Thus frightfully imprisoned Phillips passed the cold night through. Not making his appearance Monday morning the young folks at home (the father and mother being absent on the W. & W. Railroad, where Mr. P. has a contract) became alarmed at his absence and search was instituted, and he was found about ten o'clock Monday morning, the noise he made attracting them to the spot, after his fearful imprisonment of twenty-four hours. He was immediately taken out, but found to be badly injured. His feet, which had protruded from the stone pile, had consequently suffered most severely from the cold, and were much frozen; the arm that was doubled up by his side was completely paralyzed and useless, and his body and head more or less bruised and his eyes swollen shut. Dr. D. W. Braden regards the case as rather precarious, after the long exposure and heavy pressure that Mr. Phillips was compelled to undergo.

THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Report of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

U. S. District Court.
(Before Judge McCandless.)

In the matter of George S. Lacy vs. Wm. McLean, of this city, the debtor was adjudged a bankrupt, and the matter referred to Register Harper.

In the matter of Wm. B. Barton, bankrupt, of this city. Said bankrupt's composition with his creditors was confirmed.

In the matter of N. Whiting & Co., debtors, of this city; the argument on the exceptions filed to the Register's report was had and the matter referred to Register Shafer.

In the matter of Francis Ardary, bankrupt, of this city, petition for discharge presented and referred to Register Harper for examination on the 10th prox.

The composition of Sam. T. McClelland, bankrupt, of this city, with his creditors, was confirmed absolutely.

Common Pleas Court No. 1.
(Before Judges Stowe and Collier.)

G. Miller, Esq., and Alexander McIntosh, Esq., were admitted and qualified to practice law in the county courts, on motion of Jacob Miller, Esq.

Reed & Craig vs. Thomas S. and Virginia Blair. On trial. *Sci fa.* on a mechanic's lien.

The Mt. Lebanon Cemetery vs. Wm. Espey. Verdict for plaintiff for $506.82, and that the defendant did not participate in the management of the corporation either as stockholder or manager after the date of the charter, March 3d, 1874.

Wm. Hageman vs. Jacob Handenschild, garnishee of Fritz Hahn. Verdict for plaintiff for $50.

Thomas Scott vs. Annie E. Allinder. On trial.

Trial List for To-day.

Bevens vs. McDermott et al.
Hodgetts vs. Bradstreet et al.
Prager vs. Strauss (2).
Peterman vs. Lawrenceville and Evergreen Passenger Railway Company.
Beamer vs Sutton et al.
Carr vs. McGrady.
Clarke vs. Valentine et al.
Hodge vs. Bahmer & Co.
Coulter vs. Frances et al.
Cronshore vs. Chestnut et al.
Kingman vs. Bowers.
Smithers vs. McCallin.
Smithers vs. Bowers.
McClure vs. O'Neil.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.
(Before Judges Ewing, White and Kirkpatrick.)

Wm. A. Reed vs. Thomas Bell and John Wier. Still on trial.

Abraham A. Andrews appointed guardian *ad litem* of Elizabeth and Henry Bradley, heirs of Richard Bradley, deceased.

Isaac Wilkinson and wife vs. the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Company. Previously reported. A *non suit* taken by plaintiffs' counsel, and jury discharged.

Elijah Powell vs. Ansons Cheffins. On trial.

Mary A. McGuire vs. Dr. A. G. Walters. On trial.

Trial List for To-day.

Reed vs. Altvater.
Swisshelm vs. Swissvale Laundry.
Bolden vs. Keeling.
Cook vs. Reese, et al.
Clayburn vs. League.
Geegan vs. McNish et al.
Baker vs. Erdner.
The City of Allegheny vs. Robinson's estate.
Goldsmith Bros. vs. Jones & Duff.

Criminal Court.
(Before Judge Sterrett.)

Victor Herb was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery, the prosecutor, James Wareham, to pay the costs.

Wm. P. Bowman was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery, the prosecutor, John Davison, to pay the costs.

John Thomas was convicted of entering a building with intent to commit a felony, and was fined six and a quarter cents and costs, and sent to the Workhouse for eighteen months.

A *nolle pros.* was allowed in the case of Wm. Adams et al., an indictment for larceny.

John Gowley and James Gowley were acquitted of a charge of assault and battery, and the costs divided between them and the prosecutor, Isaiah Faulder.

Willis Johnston was acquitted of a charge of burglary.

John Vey was acquitted of a charge of larceny.

The indictments were ignored in the cases of Hattie Shannon, charged with larceny, and the two cases against John Kratz, for assault and battery.

Wm. Moore was convicted of a charge of entering a building with intent to commit a felony.

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.
Thomas Williams et al.,
Wm. Lewis
Wm. Moore,
Larry Gilson,
Wm. McCoy,
Frank Ketterly et al.,
John Glenn,
Geo. M. Butterfield,
Daniel Mellon.
Frank Streutor et al,
Chas. Bach,
Pat Duffy et al.,
B. Swartzwelder,
Jas. Goodrich,
Wm. Zennier,
Louis Krin,
Francis Collier,
Tillie Smith.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed for Record.

The following transfers of real estate have been placed on file in the Recorder's office since our last report:

Frederick Gwinner et ux. to Charles Steis, December 31, 1868; lot on Market street, Allegheny City. Price........$75

John Alderson, executors of Joseph Winders, deceased, to Archie Cummins, February 6, 1875; lot No. 68 in plan on file in Orphans' Court, situate in the Twenty-third ward, city. Price........$2,316

Margaret Mahoney to Mary Donovan, August 14, 1875; lot on O'Hara alley, Thirteenth ward, city. Price........$650

Jane T. McElroy to Wm. A. Shaw, October 29, 1875; lot on Wylie avenue, Seventh ward, city. Price........$10 000

Joseph Keeling et ux. to John Loblatrie, Jr., October 15, 1875; lot on Twenty-second street, Twenty-fifth ward, city. Price........$1,000

Catharine E. Trunkle et al. to Edward F. White, December 9, 1875; lot on Miltenberger street, Sixth ward, city. Price........$825

Wm. C. Thompson et ux. et al. to Calvin C. Thompson, October 6, 1875; 50 acres 133 perches in East Deer township. Consideration....Nom.

Penn Avenue Building, Loan & Homestead Association to Alex. M. Hamilton, November 12, 1875; lot No. 194 in the Mowry Homestead tract. Price........$600

Same to John M. Hamilton, November 12, 1875; lot No. 195 in same tract. Price........$600

Same to Joseph S. Hamilton November 12, 1875; lot No. 196 in same tract. Price........$600

A. Pollock et ux. to Wm. J. Langfitt, November 12, 1875; four lots in Eleventh ward, Allegheny. Price........$2,000

Josiah P. Johnson et ux. to Simpson Horner et al., December 18, 1875; two lots in Forward township. Price........$392.50

Joseph Keeling et ux. to Wm. Thomas, October 15, 1875; lot on Twenty-second street, Twenty-first ward, city. Price........$3,350

Jacob Klein to Marx Klein, December 16, 1875; lot on Taggart street, Reserve township. Price........$2,000

David Evans et ux. to Margaret Evans, November 22, 1875; one-half of lot on Charles street, Tenth ward, Allegheny........Nom.

F. Reichenbach et ux. to Wilhelmina Hartlep, December 18, 1875; lot on Sarah street, East Birmingham. Price........$1,000

W. Hartlep to L. Reichenbach, December 18, 1875; lot on Sarah street, East Birmingham. Price........$1,000

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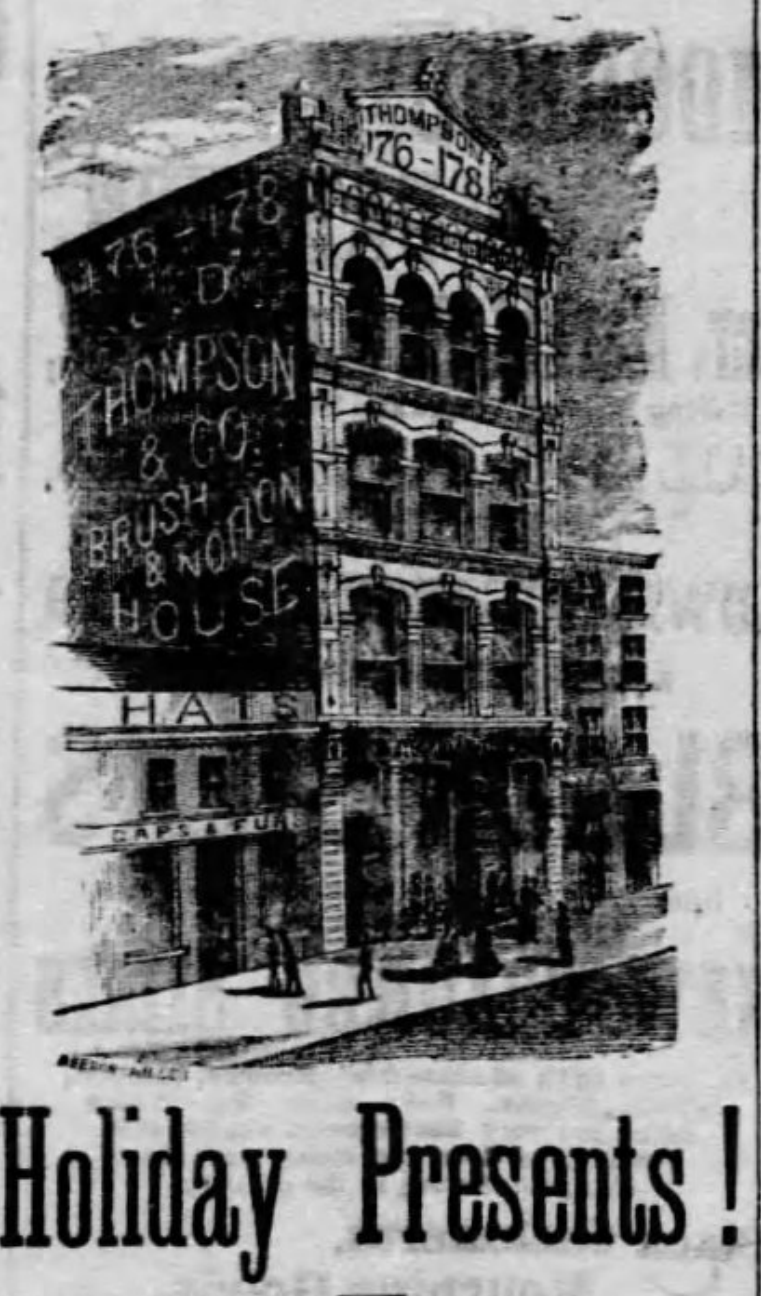

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the report of the Viewers on the construction of Sylvan avenue Bridge, was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions this day, and confirmed nisi, and if no exceptions are filed thereto within ten days, confirmation to be absolute.

THOS. S. BIGELOW, City Attorney.
December 11, 1875.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Municipal Hall,
PITTSBURGH, December 16, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Viewers' Report on the opening of Euclid street, from Stanton avenue to Jackson street, has been approved by Councils, which action will be final, unless an appeal is filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions within ten (10) days from date.

A. DEMPSTER, City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE MUNICIPAL HALL,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Viewers' Reports of damages caused by grading of Ellsworth avenue from Neville street to Penn avenue, and Bedford avenue from Erin street to Thirty-third street, have been approved by Councils, which action will be final unless an appeal is filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions within ten (10) days from date.

A. DEMPSTER, City Engineer.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the assessments made by the Viewers on the opening of Virginia avenue from Kirkpatrick street to Oneida street, are now in my hands for collection, and if not paid within 30 days of the date hereof, liens will be filed against the property assessed for the unpaid assessments, with interest, cost and fees.

THOS. S. BIGELOW, City Attorney.
Pittsburgh, December 16, 1875.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, MUNICIPAL HALL,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Viewers' Reports for the construction of Mulberry alley sewer from Thirty-second street to Thirty-third street, Washington street sewer from Wylie avenue to Fifth avenue, and Redoubt alley sewer from First avenue to Second avenue, have been approved by Councils, which action will be final unless an appeal is filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions within ten (10) days from date.

A. DEMPSTER, City Engineer.

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY,
PITTSBURGH, December 15, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the assessments made by the Viewers on the opening and grading of the following streets, avenues and alleys are now in my hands for collection, and if not paid within 30 days of the date hereof, liens will be filed against the property assessed for the unpaid assessments, with interest, cost and fees.

Opening of Putnam street from Fifth avenue to Penn avenue.

Grading of Sylvan avenue from Mars street to Four Mile Run Road.

Grading of Hemlock alley from 48th to 49th streets.

THOS. S. BIGELOW, City Attorney.

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J. B. CANFIELD,
Nov 2, 1875. 116 Water street.

ORDINANCES.

[No. 97.]

AN ORDINANCE—Providing for Gates at the crossings of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, west of Washington avenue, and regulating the speed of engines and trains west of said avenue.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, That it shall be the duty of the corporation operating the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, within sixty (60) days from the passage of this ordinance to provide and erect gates on all railroad crossings on said railway west of Washington avenue, said gates to be of such pattern and erected in such manner as may be satisfactory to the Street Committee.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the corporation now operating said road, or any corporation or individuals hereafter operating the same, to maintain such gates, and to provide for the closing of the same at the approach of engines or trains, so as to prevent accidents, and to have the same immediately opened when the engine or train has passed, so as to interfere as little as possible with travel over said crossing.

SEC. 3. That if said gates are not erected within the time above specified, and if the same, when erected, are not maintained according to this Ordinance, the corporation or individuals operating said railway shall be subject to a penalty of twenty dollars for each engine or train which shall pass over any of said crossings on which gates shall not be erected and maintained.

SEC. 4. Whenever said gates shall be erected and maintained and operated according to the requirements of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful to run engines and trains on said road west of a point 100 feet west of Washington avenue at any rate of speed of not more than twenty (20) miles per hour.

SEC. 5. That so much of any Ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils this 9th day of December, A. D. 1875.

J. C. PATTERSON,
President of Select Council.
Attest; R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.
WM. P. PRICE,
President of Common Council.
Attest: ROBERT DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ALLEGHENY CITY, December 13, 1875.
Examined and approved.
de18 O. PHILLIPS, Mayor.

(No. 98.)

AN ORDINANCE—For the Construction of a plank walk on Iona and Diana streets from Iten street to top of steps on Diana street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the Committee on Streets are hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a plank walk on Iona street, commencing at present plank walk on Iten street, thence along Iona street to Diana street; thence along Diana street to top of steps on Diana street, and to let the same to the lowest and best bidder or bidders, at their discretion; said plank walk to be constructed according to specifications prepared by the City Engineer.

SEC. 2. That as soon as the cost and expense of said improvement shall be fully ascertained, the Engineer shall assess the same by an equal assessment upon the foot front of the property fronting on both sides of said streets, between said points as provided in Act of Assembly, approved 19th day of March, 1869.

SEC. 3. That so much of any Ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law, in Councils this 9th day of December, A. D. 1875.

J. C. PATTERSON,
President of Select Council.
Attest—R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.
WM. P. PRICE,
President of Common Council.
Attest—ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ALLEGHENY, Dec. 13, 1875.
Examined and approved.
de18 O. PHILLIPS, Mayor.

(No. 101.)

AN ORDINANCE—To authorize the construction of a Lateral Sewer on Arch street, from Ohio to North Diamond street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, That the Sewerage Commission be and they are hereby authorized and directed to invite and receive proposals for the construction of a Sewer, located as follows; viz.: On Arch street, from Ohio to North Diamond streets, and to contract therefor with the lowest and best bidder or bidders, at their discretion.

SEC. 2. That as soon as the cost and expense of said Sewer shall be fully ascertained, the same shall be levied, assessed and collected as provided for by Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled a "supplement to a supplement of the 4th section of an Act, entitled an 'Act relating to Allegheny city,' approved March 24th, A. D. 1869."

SEC. 3. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils this 9th day of December, A. D. 1875.

J. C. PATTERSON,
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Clerk of Common Council.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ALLEGHENY CITY, Dec. 13, 1875.
Examined and approved.
de18 O. PHILLIPS, Mayor.

(No. 102.)

AN ORDINANCE—To authorize the construction of a Lateral Sewer on Western avenue, from Grant avenue to Bidwell street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the Sewer Commission be and they are hereby authorized and directed to invite and receive proposals for the construction of a Sewer, located as follows, viz.: On Western avenue, from Grant avenue to Bidwell street, and to contract therefor with the lowest and best bidder or bidders at their discretion.

SEC. 2. That as soon as the cost and expense of said sewer shall be fully ascertained, the same shall be levied, assessed and collected as provided for by an Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "a supplement to a supplement of the fourth section of an Act entitled an 'Act relating to Allegheny city,' approved March 24th, A. D. 1869."

SEC. 3. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law, in Councils, this 9th day of December, 1875.

J. C. PATTERSON,
President of Select Council.
Attest—R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.
WM. P. PRICE,
President of Common Council.
Attest—ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ALLEGHENY CITY, Dec. 13, 1875.
Examined and approved.
de18 O. PHILLIPS, Mayor.

(No. 103.)

AN ORDINANCE—To Authorize the construction of a Lateral Sewer on Pine street from West Pennsylvania Railroad to Allegheny river.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, That the Sewer Commission be and they are hereby authorized and directed to invite and receive proposals for the construction of a Sewer, located as follows, viz.: On Pine street, from West Pennsylvania Railroad to Allegheny river.

SEC. 2. That as soon as the cost and expense of said sewer shall be fully ascertained, the same shall be levied, assessed and collected as provided for by an act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "a supplement to a supplement of the fourth section of an Act, entitled 'An Act relating to Allegheny city,' approved March 24th, A. D. 1869."

SEC. 3. That so much of any Ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1875.

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Clerk of Common Council.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
ALLEGHENY CITY, December 13, 1875.
Examined and approved.
de18 O. PHILLIPS, Mayor.

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PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF CITY CONTROLLER,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13, 1875.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 12 M., FRIDAY, December 24th, 1875, for Printing and Binding three (3) Vehicle License Books and one (1) Treasurer's Account Current. Samples to be seen at the office of the Treasurer. The Committee on Printing reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

R. M. SNODGRASS, Controller.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, PA., Dec. 16, 1875.

Allegheny Compromise Bonds

WANTED.

Persons holding Compromise Bonds of the City of Allegheny, Pa., are hereby notified that the Sinking Fund will be invested in said Bonds at the lowest rates offered.

Proposals will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, January 1st, 1876.

D. MACFERRON,
y51 City Treasurer.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, MUNICIPAL HALL,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 10, 1875.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS—SEALED Proposals will be received at this office until TUESDAY, the 21st day of December, 1875, at 3 P. M., for the following work:

SEWERS.

20-inch pipe on 13th street, from north curb of Breed street to sewer on Washington street.

20-inch pipe on Concord alley, from Rose street to Centre avenue sewer.

18-inch pipe on Fourth avenue from a point 75 feet west of Market street to near Ferry street.

3 feet brick sewer on Main street from Carson street to the Ohio River.

GRADING.

Euclid street, from Stanton avenue to James street.

GRADING AND PAVING.

An alley running between Elm and Cedar streets for a distance of 800 feet westwardly from Liberty avenue.

WOODEN BRIDGE.

On Sylvan avenue extension across Watson's hollow.

Plans and specifications can be seen and blanks for bidding can be had at this office. No bid will be received after 3 P. M.

The Committees reserve the right to reject any or all bids, should they deem it necessary for the interest of property owners or the city.

A. DEMPSTER, City Engineer.

ARCHITECTS.

BARR & MOSER
ARCHITECTS
HAVE REMOVED to the GAZETTE building,
Cor. Sixth avenue and Smithfield street.

E. M. BUTZ, Architect,

64 and 66 Federal street, Allegheny,
has designed and superintended the erection of the Penna. Reform School Buildings, German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Second Ward Public School, Allegheny, Seventh U. P. Church, 44th street, Pittsburgh, City Hall, New Castle, Pa., Boyle Block, Federal street, Allegheny, and numerous public and private buildings.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, Dec. 20, 1875.

NOTICE—THE ASSESSMENTS FOR the construction of the Pleasant Valley Main Sewer, from Washington avenue to Charles street, and Federal street Main Sewer from Pearl street to Sampson street, are now ready for examination, and can be seen at this office until THURSDAY, December 30th, 1875, when they will be placed in the hands of the City Comptroller to serve notices for the payment of the same.

y64 CHARLES DAVIS, City Engineer.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COUNCILS,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, Dec. 13, 1875.

Damages on Re-Grading Troy Hill Road.

Notice is hereby given that the Report of Viewers on the Damages on Re-Grading of Troy Hill Road was confirmed by Councils, December 9th, 1875. Objections to the report must be filed within ten days.

The Report can be seen in this office.

ROLAND T. WHITE,
324 Clerk of Select Council.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COUNCILS,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, Dec. 2, 1875.

Grading and Paving Troy Hill Road.

Notice is hereby given that the Report of Viewers on the grading and paving Troy Hill Road was confirmed by Councils, November 29th, 1875. Objections to the report must be filed within ten days.

The Report can be seen in this office.

ROLAND T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, Dec. 8, 1875.

NOTICE—THE ASSESSMENT FOR the construction of the Monterey street Sewer, from Jackson street to Ledlie street extension, is now ready for examination and can be seen at this office, until MONDAY, December 20, 1875, when it will be placed in the hands of the City Controller to serve notices for the payment of the same.

y20 CHAS. DAVIS, City Engineer.

LEGAL.

ASSIGNEE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of JAMES L. BROWN, that settlement must be made on or before the 20th day of December, 1875, and all having claims against the estate of said Brown to present them duly probated without delay.

Attention to the above will save parties costs and trouble.

J. H. NOBBS, Assignee,
y1-TTHS 25th street, 12th ward.

PROCLAMATION.

City of Pittsburgh, SS.

WHEREAS, A vacancy exists in the Select Council of the city of Pittsburgh, caused by the resignation of M. A. Arnholt, member from the Twenty-sixth ward;

AND WHEREAS, The City Councils have by resolution requested the Mayor to issue proclamation for a special election in said ward to fill said vacancy;

Now, therefore, I, Wm. C. McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, do issue this my proclamation, calling upon the citizens of the Twenty-sixth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, to meet at their respective voting places, on TUESDAY, the 28th day of December, A. D. 1875, and elect by ballot one member of Select Council for the unexpired term of M. A. Arnholt, resigned.

The electors of the First district of said ward to meet at the tin-shop of John Hughes, on Sidney street;

The electors of the Second district of said ward to meet at Turner Hall, on Jane street;

The electors of the Third district of said ward to meet at the Public School House, corner of Sarah and Twentieth streets;

The electors of the Fourth district to meet at the office of Campbell, Jones & Co., on Mary street;

And elect one member of Select Council for the unexpired term of M. A. Arnholt, resigned.

{L. S.} In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and annexed the seal of the City of Pittsburgh, this 16th day of December, A. D. 1875.

WM. C. McCARTHY,
Mayor.

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POTATOES—500 BUSHELS CHOICE Peach Blows, for sale by
J. B. CANFIELD,
November 22, 1875. 116 Water street.

ORDINANCES.

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AN ORDINANCE—[illegible]

[illegible]

DR. WHITTIER,

[illegible]

Continues to [illegible]

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FINANCIAL.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
TUESDAY, December 21, 1875.

The banks complain of a stringency in the money supply owing to the approach of the new year. There is something of a pressure for discounts, but paper is severely scrutinized, and only passed after the most rigid inspection. It is believed that when the new year comes in a better situation of affairs will be developed. There are many rumors of failures started, but they are not generally worthy of credence. We have heard so many improbable rumors within the past few days that we urge our readers to pay no heed to anything not well substantiated.

Says the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*: Let those who are in doubt about the business prospects of 1876 make a note now of the prediction that, notwithstanding the usual depressing effect upon business of a Presidential election, and notwithstanding the disturbance from the discussion of the currency question, and the apprehension in regard to the specie resumption act—next year will be a prosperous one for the Northwest. We see nothing, however, to warrant any such expectation in the East, except as trade may be temporarily galvanized by the Centennial. But the great fact to be kept in mind is that the wealth of the United States is being rapidly concentrated in the West. When such a great radical change is in progress every disturbance and everything that appears to be a general misfortune helps to increase the change. The panic of 1873 turned out to be a benefit to the general mercantile trade of Chicago, though it was undoubtedly a misfortune to that of some of the Eastern cities, and it is more than probable that the Centennial will be found, in the end, to have benefited the West more than the East.

It is well known that the export of specie this year has been larger than any of the past four years, and that with the $70,000,000 in the Treasury ($10,000,000 of which is the useless silver coin) the total available stock of gold coin over and above what is absolutely required for circulation on the Pacific coast is not above $60,000,000 in the whole country. An instance of the extreme scarcity of gold coin comes from Baltimore. The Baltimore *American* refers to the great inconvenience and loss which Baltimore importers have suffered recently by reason of the scarcity of gold coin wherewith to pay duties, and says:

The importers of toys and fancy goods are now feeling the effect of this scarcity in a special manner. Some of them, who only desired $50, $100, or $200 to pay duties, were compelled to wait several days before they could get their goods out of bond. It is hardly credible, but it is a fact, that one importer who wanted $50 visited four brokers' offices before he could secure that small amount. Those who wish larger amounts have to wait until they can, through their correspondents, buy gold notes in New York. The committee of Baltimore sugar importers who recently visited Washington in reference to drawbacks on sugars called the attention of Treasurer New to the trouble that existed here on account of the sub-Treasurer having discontinued the sale of gold memorandum checks. They urged upon Mr. New the necessity that existed for affording them relief, and he promised that he would see what could be done. On Friday last one of the committee addressed a letter to Mr. New, reminding him of their visit and his promise, and it is expected that a favorable answer will be received shortly. The excuse for the discontinuance of the sale of gold memorandum checks here was that there was some falling off in the coin receipts from duties, and in consequence not sufficient gold to pay the interest on the United States bonds held in Baltimore.

Now if, in addition to the existing scarcity of coin, there should be a further depletion of the stock by a large export movement, as intimated above, it is apparent that there would be a corresponding advance in the price of gold.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	113⅞	5-20's 1868—coupons	122⅝
U.S.6's, 1861, coup	124⅞	10-40's	117⅜
" 1864, all called	—	Currency 6's	122
" 1865	115⅜	New 5 per cents	116⅜
" 1865 new	120⅜	10-40's—coupons	118
5-20's 1867	122		

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Cen.	104⅜	Western Union Tel. ex.-div.	73¾
Erie	15⅜	Union Pacific	74⅜
I. C.	95	Toledo & Wabash	3⅜
C. C. & I. C.	4	Harlem	130
St. Paul	34⅜	Adams Express	102⅜
Do. Pref.	63⅜	American Express	57⅜
Michigan Southern	60⅜	U. S. Express	60⅜
Do. Central	58⅜	W. Fargo & Co. Ex.	84½
North Western Com	38⅜	Quicksilver	17½
Do. Pref.	54⅜	Fort Wayne	98⅜
Rock Island	103⅜	Hannibal & St. Jos.	20⅜
Cleve. & Pitts.	89⅜	Panama	125
Pacific Mail	39	Iron Mountain	14
Ohio & Mississippi	16⅜		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. R. (B)	51⅛	Cen. Trans (B)	46¾
Reading (B)	55⅞	Empire Do (B)	22
U. Co.'s of N. J. (B)	135	A. V. R. R. 7-30 (B)	95
Oil Creek (B)	10⅛	P. C. & St. L. 7's (B)	77¼
Lehigh Valley	—		

NEW YORK, December 20, 1875.

Money 6@7 gold, closing at 6@7; prime mercantile paper 6@8. The customs receipts were $101,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $252,000. The clearings were $57,000,000. Sterling was firm; bankers' bills 485½@489½.

Gold opened at 113⅞, declined to 113⅝, advanced to 113⅞, and fell off to 113¾c, the closing price. The rates paid for carrying were 1 to 5 per cent., and for borrowing flat. Governments were quiet. Railroad bonds in the afternoon were ¼ to ½ per cent. lower for Erie seconds, Union Pacific Sinking Funds and Northwest gold bonds, but otherwise the market was steady and without change. State bonds were quiet, except Tennessees, which are lower on a statement that the January interest will not be paid. Stocks were more active, but weak and lower. The greatest decline was in Michigan Central, which dropped from 59⅜ to 58. Lake Shore declined to 40¼, Northwest to 38⅜, St. Paul to 44⅛, Ohios to 16⅜. Union Pacific to 74⅜, Erie to 15⅜, and Pacific Mail to 39. Wabash fell off to 3⅜ on the foreclosure proceedings, under gold bonds issued some years since for steel rails. United States Express was strong and advanced to 61⅜. The other changes were slight. The transactions on the Stock Exchange were 96,000 shares, of which 27,000 were Pacific Mail, 4,500 Western Union, 4,000 Northwest, 6,000 St. Paul, 9,000 Erie, 34,000 Lake Shore, and 2,500 Michigan Central.

Governments.—United States coupons of 1881, 124⅜; do of '65, 111⅜; do new, 120⅜, do of '67, 122⅜; do of '68, 122⅜; new 5s, 117; 10-40s, reg., 117⅜; coupons, 118; currency 6s, 122⅜.

State Bonds.—Tennessee 5s, old, 40; do new, 38; Virginia, old, 36⅜; do new, 37½; Missouri 6s, 2⅜.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 73⅜; Pacific Mail, 37; Mariposa, 7⅜; do preferred 8⅜; Adams Express, 102⅜; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 84; American Express, 57; United States Express, 61⅜; New York Central, 104⅜; Erie, 15⅜; do preferred, 31; Harlem, 30; ex. do preferred, 30; ex. Michigan Central, 58; Panama, 25; Union Pacific, 74⅜; Illinois Central, 95; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 89⅜@95; Northwestern, 38⅜; do preferred, 54⅜; C. C. C. & I., 58; New Jersey Central, 105¼; Rock Island 103⅜; St. Paul, 34¼; do preferred, 65; Toledo & Wabash, 3⅜; do preferred, 6; Fort Wayne, 98⅜; Terre Haute, 5; do preferred, 20; Chicago & Alton, 97⅜; do preferred, 105¼; Ohio & Mississippi, 16⅜; Delaware & Lackawanna, 19⅜; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 118¼; Indiana Central, 104; Burlington & Quincy, 14½; Lake Shore 60⅜.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS,

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
Monday, December 20, 1875.

Trade in general merchandise continues dull, as it always is just at the close of the year, and while there have been no very important changes in values during the past week, the tendency is, as a general thing, downward. The demand for the leading staples, including Grain, Flour, Groceries, Provisions, as well as produce generally, is confined to supplying immediate actual wants, and the indications are that our merchants, and manufacturers as well, will pursue a very conservative policy for some time. So far as our manufacturing interests are concerned, trade has been more quiet during the past six months than at any time since the panic, and our merchants report that, in addition to a diminished business, collections are unsatisfactory, and the losses by bad debts unusually large. It is expected, however, that there will be some improvement next month—it is certain trade cannot get much worse.

APPLES—The receipts are light, but the stock on hand is still ample, and although prices are firm they are not quotably higher, and an advance is not likely to take place until the present stock is cleaned out, as they are spoiling rapidly—$3,25a3,50 ℘ bbl. are the current prices from store.

ALE—We have to report a continued dull market—like everything else the consumption has been curtailed by the hard times, but prices remain unchanged—city brands quoted at $8 ℘ barrel to the city and $9 to the country; XX $10; India Ale, $11. Half barrels in regular proportion.

APPLE BUTTER—The stock is light, as compared with what it usually is at this particular time, but the supply is ample and prices remain unchanged—in a jobbing way—quoted at 65 to 75 cents ℘ gallon.

BEANS—Are very slow; $1,25 ℘ bushel is the holding price in lots, and $1,50 ℘ bushel in a small way. Some forced sales have been made as low as $1,25 ℘ bushel for prime hand picked navy.

BUTTER—In moderate supply, with a steady demand for fine grades at 28 to 30c; prime, 23a26c. Low grades, 15a20c. The approach of the holidays has created a demand from bakers for common grades, which has cleaned up our market.

BROOM CORN—Nothing specially new in this line. Broom Corn of all grades is dull with the exception, however, of long brush and hurl. The former is in limited supply, and is held at stiff figures—holders not willing to make any concession from asking price in order to effect sales. Short corn and medium length compose the bulk of the stock in this market. Hurl very scarce and wanted. We quote Hurl at 10½a12, as to quality; brush that will work into a hurl broom 7a8½; medium length 6½a7; inferior 5½a6; crooked 5a6, as to color and length.

COAL—Bituminous is quoted at 5½a6c per bushel delivered free on cars here in Pittsburgh. Nut about one cent less. Anthracite, $6½a7 ℘ ton.

CHEESE—The market continues very dull, and prices are weak, but unchanged. We continue former quotations: prime Ohio Factory, 13½a14c, and 14a14½ for New York ditto. The New York market has been considerably depressed for some weeks past, in consequence of a very limited export demand, but it is probable exporters will commence to take hold next month again.

CRANBERRIES—$10a11 ℘ bbl, and dull.

COOPERAGE—Continues exceedingly dull, and staves have been cut to such an extent that some of our best makers have withdrawn from the market. Oil Barrels have still further declined—country, $1a1,10; city make, $1,15a1,20.

COKE—Continues quiet and unchanged—quoted at 5½a6c ℘ bushel—delivered free on cars here or in barges. Shipments by river recently were heavy, and the supply is considerably reduced in consequence.

CANNED GOODS—Our merchants who make a specialty of this class of goods are well stocked—the most of which they contracted for when prices were down to the lowest notch, and the consequence is, buyers can do better here than in the east, where prices have been advanced. Following are the current jobbing rates:

2 ℔ Peaches	$1 75	Winslow's Corn	$2 25
3 ℔ Peaches	2 25	Baltimore Corn	1 60
3 ℔ extra Peaches	3 00	Marrowfat Peas	2 00
3 ℔ pie Peaches	1 75	Red Cherries	2 25
Lima Beans	2 00	White Cherries	2 50
3 ℔ Tomatoes	1 65	2 ℔ Tomatoes	1 30

CORDAGE AND ROPE—There is a fair degree of activity in Rope for this season of the year but no change in prices, which we annex as follows:

MANILLA ROPE.

½ inch diameter and upwards	14¾ cts. per lb
⅜ " "	15¾ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	15¾ "
Tarred rope and lath yarn	14¾ "
Hay, stave and leather twine	15¾ "

OIL WELL DRILLING CABLES.

Hawser laid	14¾ cts. per lb
" " Bolt Rope Yarns	16¾ "
Sand Pump Rope	14¾ "

SISAL ROPE.

½ inch diameter and upward	11¾ cts. per lb
⅜ " "	12¾ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	12¾ "
Hay, Spoke and Leather Twine	12¾ "

NEW ZEALAND ROPE.

½ inch diameter and upward	11¼ cts. per lb
⅜ " "	12¼ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	12¾ "
Hay twine	12¾ "
Tarred lath twine	11¼ "

EGGS—Active at 28a30c for fresh. Pickled in large supply at 23a25c ℘ doz.

DRIED FRUIT—The movement is light, but prices firm. The stock of Dried Apples is limited, and there is no disposition shown to push sales. Fair to prime, 10a11 cts. ℘ pound: choice, 11½a12c. Peaches are in better supply, and the demand is nominal. It is too early yet for any active movement in them, but holders express great confidence in their ruling much higher in the spring. Some of the prominent dealers estimate the entire stock of halves Peaches in the country at 6,000 barrels. This is but little to meet the spring sales, and if this estimate is correct, higher prices may be looked for. The offerings now are either old stock halves or else new mixed. We quote prime old halves, 12½a13½c. Mixed new are nominal at 12½c, the trade here preferring old halves to new mixed. Blackberries easier at 12½a13. Raspberries, 35c per ℔. Pitted Cherries, 25a28c ℘ ℔.

DRESSED HOGS—Are coming forward more freely, but with an increasing demand prices are maintained—ranging from 8a8½c ℘ ℔.

FLOUR—Trade in this important staple continues quiet as both retailers and bakers are buying only to supply immediate wants, and prices are weak and drooping. Spring wheat flours have been reduced 25c ℘ barrel during the past week, and, as might be expected, winters are sympathizing. As noted in a previous report, the former are taking the place of the latter because of their giving so much better satisfaction—the spring wheat having been secured in much better condition than winter. Quotations—in a jobbing way—may be given as follows: Wisconsin flours, $6,50; Minnesotas, $6.65a6,75; new red winter wheat, $6a6,50; old ditto, $6,75a7; fancy amber and white wheat flours, 7,50a8,50. Rye Flour: $5,25a5,50 per barrel. Buckwheat Flour—the cold weather has stimulated the demand, and with a diminished supply prices are higher, 3a3½c ℘ ℔.

FEATHERS—In light supply and fair demand at 62a65c for choice round lots of live geese—usual advance for small lots.

GROCERIES—The grocery trade continues dull, and devoid of any new or important features. Coffee continues dull and weak; and, as will be seen, we have reduced our quotations for Roasted half a cent ℘ ℔. New Orleans in fair demand, and the suspension of navigation will curtail receipts and stiffen the market. Sugars easy, but unchanged. Prunes and Raisins firm and advancing. Following are the prevailing rates:

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12⅞	Standard B	10⅝
Crushed	11⅞	Standard Ex C	10⅜
Granulated	11⅞	Refined Yellows	8⅞@ 9⅞
Powdered	11⅞	N. O. new crop	8⅞@ 9⅞
Standard A	10⅞		

COFFEES.

Fancy Rio	26	R. Rio, lb pkgs	28½
Prime Rio	24½@25	R. Rio, loose	28
Good Rio	22 @23	Roasted Java	40
Old Gov. Java	34		

RICE.

Carolina	8	Rangoon	7

TEAS.

Young Hyson	45 @1 00	Japan	40 @ 85
Gunpowder	60 @1 10	Oolong	35 @ 85
Imperial	80 @ 90	Souchong	35 @ 75

FRUITS.

Val. Raisins, per lb	11½	Turkish Prunes	8 @ 9
L. Raisins, per box	3 25	French Prunes	10 @12
Currants, per lb	8		

SYRUPS.

Choice	70 @75	Fair	55 @60
Prime	65 @70	Dark	45 @50

MOLASSES.

N.O. choice	70	N.O. strictly prime	68
N.O. prime	65	Demarara	50@55

SOAPS.

Best Wax	7¼	Babbit's Best, per box	7 25
Superior Wax	6½	White Russian, per box	6 00
Woman's Friend	5½		
Duchess, per box	3 60		

SUNDRIES.

Silver gloss Starch	9⅞
Pearl Starch	5½
Lamp Chimneys, No. 1 and 2	65 @ 90
Bi Carb Soda, in kegs	5½@ 6
Bi Carb Soda, boxes	8
Concentrated Lye	$4 50@5 50
Pearl Barley, per bbl	6 00
Oat Meal, in bbls, A. & B.	8 50
Oat Meal, half bbls	4 50
" German Mills	4 37½
Shot—drop	2 50
Shot—buck	2 75

GRAIN—There is little or no movement in Wheat, but little offering, and except for strictly prime, not much inquiry; millers complain that they cannot afford to pay current rates and compete with spring wheat flours, that at current rates there is little or no margin for profit; new Penna and Ohio red quotable at $1,25a1,30 for good to prime; new white at $1,30a1,40; northwestern red, $1,35a1,37; old red, $1,40a1,42. The Oat market is weaker in consequence of increased receipts and offerings, but, as yet, not quotably lower; Penna and Ohio mixed, 42a43c; prime western white, 44a45c. New Corn is coming in more freely and the market is easier, but with an increased demand prices are still maintained; new shelled, free in elevator, 55a57c for good mixed to prime yellow; new ear, on track, 48a53c, according to quality. Old Shelled in light stock, but there is not much call for it; quotable at 63a65c, free in elevator. Rye continues quiet; we can report some small sales of Penna. and Ohio at 80a83c. Barley continues dull and nominal at $1a1,25, according to condition and quality.

HAY—Loose is selling from country wagons at $17a22 per ton, according to quality. Baled is quiet, but with only a meagre supply prices are still maintained; upland prairie, $12½a13½; timothy, $17a20. Straw, loose from country wagons, $10a12.

HIDES—The receipts are large, the demand somewhat improved, and prices unchanged. We quote:

Green Salted Cows	7½a 8½
Green Salted Steers, Light	8 a 8½
Green Salted Steers, Heavy	10 a10½
Green Salted Calf	13 a14
Green Butcher Cows	6
Green Butcher Steers, light	7
Green Butcher Steers, heavy	8
Green Butcher Calf	10

LEATHER—Trade steady, and not much change since our last report. Rough leather, finished harness and sole in good demand. Upper and calf very low, and slow sale. Light kips are in better demand. We quote:

Oak Sole, country	0,33@ 0,36
Oak Sole, city	0,36@ 0,40
Red Sole, B. A. heav and mid	0,30@ 0,32
Red Sole, Oronoco	0,29@ 0,31
Red Sole, good dgd	0,25@ 0,28
Oak, Rough	0,25@ 0,28
Harness, city oak	0,38@ 0,40
Harness, country	0,33@ 0,35
Harness, No. 2 and common	0,30@ 0,32
Fair Skirting	0,40@ 0,43
Fair Bridle, ℘ doz	69,00@79,00
Belt Leather	0,40@ 0,46
Finished Calf	0,90@ 0,25
Finished Upper, ℘ foot	0,18@ 0,22
Finished Kips	0,80@ 0,90

LUMBER—Trade in unfinished lumber continues very dull, and prices are lower now than they have been for several years. Following are the current rates:

Flooring, No 1 per M	$27 00
No 2	23 00
Best No 1 Shingles	4 75
Moulded Weatherboards per M	27 00
Shelving No 1 per M	25 00
Common Surfaced boards	20 00
Barn boards	18 00
Sheeting boards	15 00

Mouldings ⅛c per inch square per running foot. Inside Shutters from $4 to $6 per window.

Window Frames and Sash inclusive from $3,50 to $4,50 per opening. Doors from $2,50 to $4,50 each.

ONIONS—The market is largely overstocked, and with a very light demand prices are weak and lower; quotable in a jobbing way at $1a1,50 per bbl. It would be difficult to dispose of a round lot at any price.

MILL FEED—The receipts were comparatively light during the past week, but with a very light demand, the market continues dull and prices in buyers' favor. Quotations, on track by the car load, may be given as follows: Bran, $14a15 per ton; Shipstuffs Seconds, $17a18 Middlings, $19a22; Chopped Feed $22a24.

OILS—The trade is steady, but unmarked by any special features worthy of notice. We quote Procter & Gamble's Extra Winter Lard Oil at $1,08@1,12; W. Alexander & Co.'s Extra Winter Strained, 97c@$1,02. Procter & Gamble's No. 1 Winter, 87@92c; Procter & Gamble's best White Winter Miners' Oil 65@70c; Winter Yellow, 62@67c ℘ gallon. No. 2 Winter, 75@80c. Linseed oil is still quoted at 58@60c; Carbon dull, but firmer; standard brands quotable at 10@10½c by the car load.

POULTRY—Notwithstanding the cool weather, which always tends to stimulate the demand, the market is overstocked and dull, and prices weak and lower: Dressed Chickens (entrails out), 10a12c per lb; ditto Ducks and Turkeys, 12a13c; ditto Geese, 8a10c. Live Chickens, 40a50 cents per pair.

WINDOW GLASS—Trade is fair—there is more doing than there was at this time last year, but there is no improvement to report in prices, which, it is claimed by manufacturers, afford little or no margin for profit. Discounts may be given at 75 per cent off Pittsburgh list.

PROVISIONS—Trade continues slow, and prices are weak but unchanged; business is always quiet at this particular time. The Cincinnati *Commercial*, under date of the 18th, says: It will be seen by reference to our table of exports for the week that there has been a light movement in Meats. Our local curers have taken a fair supply of Green Meats at 7a7½c for Shoulders, 10a10½c for Clear Rib. A large trade could have been had at 7a10c for Shoulders and Clear Rib, spot and the month. Hams have been in good demand, selling at 10⅝a11c. as to average. A very light consumptive demand for Bulk Meats and Bacon partly cured. As stock in other markets is now held at about the same rates as ours, a much longer trade is expected after the holidays. Orders can now be filled for new Hams, and fully cured Clear Rib Bulk and Bacon Sides. Dealers have confidence in the future of trade, and would invest freely in Hams, Shoulders and Sides at present rates. The price of Hogs being relatively higher than the price of Meats is the main restriction with trade. Packers are offering stock sparingly at quotations

Hams—Extra S. C. per lb	16
Shoulders, Ex. S. C.	11⅛
B'fast Bacon, S. C.	15½
Dried Beef, Ex. Sugar Cured, old	15½
Beef Tongues, S. C. per doz	—
Bacon Shoulders	10⅜
Rib Sides	—
Short Rib do	15
Clear Sides	16
Mess Pork, per bbl.	$22.50
Family Mess Pork	22.50
Short Cut "	22.50
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb	13⅞
Do. half barrels	14⅛
Lard, Ref. for summer use, in tierces	—
Do. in ½ bbls	—
Do. in buckets	—
Do. 3 lb caddies	16⅛
Do. 5 lb do	16½
Do. 3 lb pails	17½
Do. 5 lb do	17⅛
Do. 6 lb do	17
Ham Sausage	10
Carbon Oil	—
Cheese	—

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
MONDAY, December 20, 1875.

Trade continues in much the same condition as noted in our last report, excepting that in view of the very light production there is a more hopeful feeling in regard to the immediate future of the market for refined. Prices have improved somewhat within the past few days, but quoted rates do not begin to cover actual cost of production 12⅝c delivered in Philadelphia and 9⅝c on cars here. Crude firmer but unchanged; immediate shipment, $1,43¾; Conduit certificates, $1,45; United, $1,43¾.

The Barrel market continues as dull as ever, but prices are nominally unchanged.

Receipts of Blooms, Ore, Pig Metal and Scrap Iron.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

S. B. & Co. o	8	Chess, S. & Co. o	2
Jones & L. o	2	Cambria Iron Co. p i	2
Isabella Fur	4		
Total			18

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R.

Pgh. F. & I. Co. m	5	Nimick & Co. m	14
Carnegie, B. & Co. m	1		
Total			20

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

Lewis, O & P. o r	8	W. J. Hammond s i	6
Pgh F. & I. Co. wheels	1	R. Wister p i	1
Total			15

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Shoenberger, B. & Co. o	4

PITTSBURGH, ST. LOUIS AND CINCINNATI R. R.

W. Mullins s i	1

Cotton.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Cotton quiet and steady at 13 5-16@13½c; futures: 13⅞@13 21-32c; April 13⅝c; May 14 1-16c; June 14 9-32@14 5-16c; July 14 7-16@14 5-32c; August 14⅝@14 7-32c.

NEW ORLEANS, December 20.—Cotton slack; sales of 8,450 bales; good staple kinds firmer; others easier; good ordinary to strict good ordinary 10⅝@11⅛c; low middlings to strict low middlings 11⅝@12⅛c; middlings to strict middlings 12⅜@13⅛c; receipts 17,970 bales; gross 20,700; exports to continent 3,808; to Great Britain 4,566; stock 33,072.

ALLEGHENY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
WEDNESDAY, December 20, 1875.

CATTLE.

The number on sale was larger than that of last week in numbers, and the average quality was the best for some time; including in the offerings were a number of Christmas cattle, some of which were the finest ever put on sale in this market. Trade, however, was very unsatisfactory; in addition to a light demand, prices, taking the quality into consideration, were lower than at any time this year, and at the close there were some half a dozen cars left over unsold.

Butchers generally bought sparingly, and it is not strange that the demand for beef has fallen off largely when we take into the consideration that dressed poultry has been selling at 10a12½c, ℘ ℔ and the market is overstocked and continues very dull at the prices quoted. Furthermore, the indications are that trade in cattle will continue dull and unsatisfactory until after the holiday, as it usually is, and it is not probable that prices, even then, will rule much higher than at the present time.

Christmas cattle sold to-day at from 7½a10c, but one at the outside price; prime to extra ordinary butcher stock, 6a7c; medium to good, 5a6; common to fair, 3½a4½c; mixed scalawag stock, including old cows and stags, 2½a3c. Bulls, 3a4c, according to quality. The stock on sale was reported as follows:

Marks & B., Chicago,	16	Fordyce & D., Ohio.	20
E. Katz ....do	18	G. A. Vanatta ....do	20
J. Schamburg ....do	52	J. R. Alsdorf ....do	20
Gerson & K. ....do	33	J. S. Johnson ....do	20
I. Ackerman ....do	19	J. Montgomery ....do	20
Rothchilds & R. ....do	16	Warner & S. ....do	20
L. Rothchilds ....do	18	Ed. Roe ....do	20
N. & J. Rothchilds do	14	W. N. Neptune ....do	20
M. Krause ....do	16	B. Trautman ....do	17
Hoge & M. ....do	19	S. Lowenstein ....do	17
Krause & R. ....do	15	M. Flinner, Penn'a.	20
W. Moonshine ....do	17	P. Sheltemantle ....do	12
Kahn & L. ....do	41	I. Flickbene, Ohio.	17
Kahn & Co. ....do	36	Arnold & W., Penna.	29
Kahn & G. ....do	23	E. Wolf ....do	4
A. Greenawald, Ohio.	37	J. Hess ....do	21
Holmes, L. & Co, Ind.	27	J. S. McMillan ....do	7
Jas. Shephard, Ohio.	29	G. Farlen ....do	15
Stroud & D, Penn'a.	9	J. Depew, Ohio	20
Total			794
Total last Monday			689

CATTLE SALES.

L. Rothchilds retailed 1 car common to good butcher cattle at 5,40a5 40.

Hartman & Rick reported 13 head of butcher cattle—from Chicago—at 5¼a6c.

C. Jarrett sold 2 extra Green Co. steers, weighing about 2,655 lbs, at 8c.

M. Kraus & Son reported 22 head of fair to prime Chicago cattle at 4⅝a6⅛c.

A. Moonshine reported 1 car fair to good Chicago cattle at 4⅛a5⅛c.

I. Ackerman reported 1 car mixed Chicago stock at 4⅛a5⅛c.

Arnold & Wolfe sold 16 head at common to fair Washington Co. stock at 3a4⅛—13 unsold.

Gerson & Co. sold 13 head of extra two-year old steers—averaging 1,300 lbs—at 6⅜c; also two cars of mixed stock at 4a6c; also 1 car Ohio cows and steers at 3⅛a4⅛c.

Kahn & Lobman sold 2 cars common Chicago cattle at 4⅛a5; 1 car good cattle and 1 car stockers unsold.

A. Greenwald had 2 extra four-year old steers—averaging about 2,000 lbs, each fed by D. Burnham, Champagne Co., Ohio—fattest show cattle ever offered in this market—held at 9c; sold 1 extra heifer at 7c: also 40 head good to prime butcher cattle at 4⅛a5⅛c.

S. Marks & Bro. reported 26 head of Chicago butcher cattle at 5a6⅛c—one car fair Ohio stock at 5a6c.

Holmes, Lafferty & Co. sold 2 cars of western cattle at 4a5c—one extra bullock, weighing 1,880, at 7,60—2 cars unsold.

SHEEP.

The supply was small and mostly common in point of quality—there was one bunch of extra, but this was an exception to the general rule. Prime stock sold readily enough as the supply was not more than sufficient to meet the demand, but the market for common and medium was dull—the best evidence of which is that there were a number of this kind left over unsold. A. Greenwald sold 38 extra Merinos, averaging 138½ lbs, to Charles Richardson and Edward Ackley—the finest stock on sale this season, at 7c. Prime 100a110 ℔ sheep quotable at 5⅛a5⅝c in a retail way; medium to good, 4½a5c, common, $2a2½ ℘ head. Dealers complain that stock is entirely too high in the country. The stock on sale was reported as follows:

W. Humes ....Penna	30	M. Flinner ....Penna	31
G. Hammerly ....do	50	P. Sheltemantle ....do	100
T. Bingham ....do	50	H. Sagle ....do	10
McCaslin & Co. ....do	125	J. F. Neeley ....do	50
G. Jordan ....do	60	Rea & R ....do	25
A. West ....West Va	81	J. Hayward ....do	22
A. Greenwald ..Ohio	28		
Total			585
Total last Monday			671

HOGS.

The market was moderately active to-day at about last week's prices—7¼a7¾c with a few extra at 7⅞c, in a retail way. Butchers complain that there is little or no margin for profit in pork at current rates for hogs, notwithstanding they are considerably cheaper than they were a month ago.

FRESH COWS.

The number on sale to-day was comparatively light and mostly common in point of quality, and while the market was reported slow there was no quotable change in prices, which may be quoted at from $25a75 for common to extra milkers.

VEAL CALVES.

Continue very scarce and in demand, but prices have undergone no quotable change—7a7½c ℘ ℔ for prime to extra, and 6a6½c for medium to good.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 20, 1875.

FLOUR—Dull.

GRAIN—Wheat dull and a shade lower; No. 1 Chicago spring $1,01½; No. 2 do 96½c spot; 97c January; 98c February; 96¾c May. Corn in fair demand, but lower; No. 2 47½c spot; 47⅝c December; 43½c January; 42⅞c February; rejected old 41c; new 35c. Oats easier, but with a good demand; No. 2 29½@30c spot; 29⅞c December; 30⅛c January. Rye steady and in good demand at 68½c. Barley dull at 86½@86¾c.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull, weak and lower; $19,10 spot; $19,12½@19,50 January; $19,35@19,39½ February. Lard in fair demand and lower at $12,20@12,22½ spot; $12.27½ January; $12,40@12,42½ February. Bulk meats quiet and weak at 7⅛, 10⅛@10⅜c.

WHISKY—Steady and unchanged at $1,10.

On Call Board wheat was easier at 96⅛c January; 97⅜c February. Corn a shade lower at 47⅛c December, Oats weak at 29½c cash. Pork weak at $19,05@19,07½ December; $19,32½ February. Lard unchanged.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, December 20.—Flour steady; western $4,60, extras $4,50@5,25; family $5,50@8. Wheat dull; No. 2 western red $1,32@1,33; Pennsylvania red $1,32@1,33. Corn easier; not quotably lower; western mixed old 67c; new 65c. Oats quiet and steady; western white 45@50c; western mixed 43@45c. Rye dull at 80@85c. Hay quiet and steady; Maryland and Pennsylvania $22@24. Provisions quiet and steady. Pork: new $21,50. Bulk meats: loose nominal; job lots fairly active; shoulders 8¼c; clear rib 11¼c. Bacon quiet; shoulders 10@10½c; clear rib 13@13½c; hams 15½@16c. Lard dull and steady; crude 13@13½c; refined 13¾c. Butter strong and active; western extras 29@30c; firsts 26@28c. Petroleum dull and easier; crude 6⅛@7c; refined 12¼c. Coffee dull and heavy; Rio cargoes 18@20½c; jobbing 18½@21½c. Whisky dull at $1,16.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, December 20.—Cotton steady and unchanged; sales of 400 bales. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and lower; No 2 red fall $1,40½@1,40⅝; No. 3 do $1,28. Corn active but lower; No. 2 mixed 41⅝@42⅛c cash; 40⅝@41c January. Oats quiet and unchanged; very little demand; No. 2 34½c. Rye quiet and unchanged; prime to fancy Northern $1,10@1,30. Barley quiet and unchanged at 67c. Pork dull and lower at $19,75 asked and $19,50 bid; small lots sold at $19,65. Lard dull and lower at 12@15c. Bulk meats dull and lower at 7⅛, 10⅛@10½c; transactions very small. Bacon dull and lower at 9⅛, 12@12⅛c. Green meats nominally unchanged. Whisky dull and lower at $1,11.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, December 20.—Sugar firm; common 6⅛@6c; low fair to fully fair 6⅛@7c; prime 7⅛@7⅛c; strictly prime to choice 7⅛@7⅞c. Molasses firm; centrifugal 25@33c; common 30@38c; fair 40@42c; prime 42@45c; strictly prime to choice 47@52c. Flour quiet; superfine $4; double $4,25; treble $4,50@5,75; choice and family $6@6,50. Corn meal dull at $2,70. Corn easier at 55@60c. Oats quiet at 45@53c. Bran 90@95c. Hay dull; inferior $18. Pork dull; new $22. Dry salt meats dull at 9¼, 10⅛@11c. Hams scarce; choice sugar cured 17½@18c; inferior 15@16c. Bacon dull; no shoulders; sides 13⅛@13⅛c. Lard dull; only jobbing; tierce packers 12½c; refined 13⅛@13½c; keg 13¾c. Coffee dull and lower; ordinary to prime 17⅛@20⅛c. Whisky dull; rectified $1,12@1,15.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20.—Petroleum: crude 10⅛c; refined 12⅛@12⅛c. Flour dull; Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota family extra $5,75@6,50; State, Ohio and Indiana $6@6,75; high grades $7,00@8,00. Wheat quiet and steady; Pennsylvania red $1,35; western do $1@1,15; amber $1,40@1,41; white $1,47. Rye 85@90c. Corn scarce and firm for old; new dull; yellow old 72@75c; new 52@54c. Oats: mixed 42@45c; white 48@50c. Whisky: western $1,16. Butter weak; New York, State and Bradford county 28@34c; western 26@29c; western rolls 25@30c. Cheese firm; New York 12⅛@12⅛c; western fine 12½@13c. Eggs firm; western fresh 30@31c.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI. December 20.—Cotton quiet and steady at 12⅝c. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady and in fair demand; No. 2 red $1,25@1,30. Corn steady at 48@49c. Oats dull at 35@45c. Barley quiet and unchanged. Rye: 78@80c. Pork dull at $20,25. Lard easier; steam 12⅛@12⅛c, closing inside; kettle 13⅛@13⅛c. Bulk meats dull and lower to sell; no transactions. Bacon inactive; shoulders 9⅛@10c; clear rib 12⅛@12⅛c; clear 12⅝c. Green meats dull and lower to sell. Whisky in good demand and firm; $1,11. Butter quiet; choice Reserve 27@28c; Central Ohio choice 25@26c; medium 20@24c.

Boston.

BOSTON, December 20.—Flour: demand moderate; western superfine $4,25@4.75; common to extras $5,50@5.75; Wisconsin and Minnesota extra family $5,60@7; winter wheat Ohio Indiana and Michigan $6@7,25; Illinois $6,25@8,50; St. Louis $7@9; fancy Minnesota in fair demand at $7,75@9.25. Corn easier but not quotably lower; weak, new mixed and yellow 68@70c. Oats in fair demand; No. 2 mixed and No. 2 white 45@50c; rejected 41@44c.

Foreign.

LONDON, December 20.—Tallow 53@53¼s. Linseed oil 25s. Spirits Turpentine 25@25¼s.

LIVERPOOL. December 20.—Cotton quiet: middling uplands 7d; middling Orleans 7¼d; sales of 10,000 bales, including 2,000 for speculation and export; 5,400 American. Pork: mess quiet and unchanged. Corn: mixed 33¼s.

ANTWERP, December 20.—Petroleum: 29f for fine pale American.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, December 20.—Flour: demand fair and market firm. Wheat dull; extra white Michigan $1,73; No. 2 amber Michigan $1,00; No. 3 red $1,03; rejected red 88c; amber Michigan $1,18½; seller January $1,19¼. Corn steady; high mixed new 48c; seller December 48⅛c; no grade new 45c; damaged new 43c; low mixed new 48½c. Oats dull but unchanged.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, December 20.—Cotton quiet and easy at 12⅝c; sales 2,000 bales; receipts 5,000 bales; shipments 6,800 bales; stock 54,000 bales. Flour dull at $4,50@8,50. Corn firm at 54@57c. Oats quiet at 48@52c. Pork dull and nominal. Lard dull at 13½@14½c. Bacon firm at 8⅝, 8⅝, 11@11¼c.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, December 20.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 04¼; hard $1,10; No. 2 97c; No. 3 83c. Corn firmer and in fair demand; No. 2 mixed 56c. Oats steady; No. 2 32@32¼c. Barley firm; No. 2 spring $1,05; No. 3 65c. Rye firm; No. 1 71½@72c.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 20.—Cotton quiet at 12⅛@12⅛c. Flour and Grain quiet and unchanged. Rye quiet and firm at 75c. Pork dull and unchanged. Whisky steady and in moderate demand at $1,12.

Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, December 20.—Petroleum steady and demand heavy, with no change in the price.

Oswego.

OSWEGO, December 20.—Wheat firm; No. 1 Milwaukee club $1,40. Barley: No. 2 Canada $1,10.

Live Stock.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Beeves: fresh offerings 8,120 head, making 8,260 for the week, against 9,960 the previous week; quality better than the average, with a number of car loads of premium or holiday cattle; for inferior and common grades light demand, with no important improvement; good to premium cattle doing better at an advance from Friday on matured native steers; a fine car load lot of Christmas beeves, 2,100 lbs. fed by J. D. Gillett, Elkhart, Ill., sold at 14c; other small lots of Christmas cattle 13½c; strictly prime to extra native steers 12⅛@13c; poor to heavy good natives 8@12c; poor to fair Texas and Cherokees 8⅛@8⅛c. Sheep and lambs: receipts 8,000 head, making 29,840 for the week, against 24,310 last week; quality good; market slow and prices easier for heavy stock, of which there is a large supply; a few very poor sheep had to be sold at 4⅛@4½c, and a dozen of picked Christmas and others went as high as 8⅛c, but 5@7c was the average range; common to prime in lots 7⅛@8c; extra to premium and a number of car loads, average upwards of 150 lbs, going at 8c. Swine: receipts yesterday and to-day 7,700 head, making 25,900 for the week, against 31,000 last week; sales of alive include 2 cars of fair Ohio hogs, 187 lbs, $7.75 per 100 lbs; dressed steady and in good demand; 9⅛@9⅞c.

CHICAGO, December 20.—Cattle: receipts 2,800 head; opened dull; closed rather more active; one lot of fancy sold at 7c; shipping steers $4,50@4,90; Texans $2,75@4,40; shipments 1,140. Hogs: receipts 24,000; dull and depressed; 20c lower; shippers $5.40@6.50; packers $6.5@7,00; bacon $6,75@6,90; New England $5,90@7,10; shipments 1,900. Sheep: receipts 2,000; dull and unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20.—Cattle: market dull and unchanged; receipts 2,600 head; sales at 6⅛@7⅛c for extra Pennsylvania and western steers; 5⅛@6⅛c for fair to good; 3@5c per lb. gross for common, as to quality. Sheep: market without change; 8,000 head sold at 4⅛@6⅛c per lb. gross, as to condition. Hogs dull; 4,000 head sold at $10,50@11,50 per 100 lbs. net.

ST. LOUIS, December 20.—Hogs dull and lower for the best grades; shipping $6,40@6,70; packing $5,90@7,15. Cattle dull and tending downward; demand chiefly for stockers; fair to good native steers 4⅛@5c; common to medium 3@3⅛c; cows range at 2⅛@3⅛c; good to choice stockers 3⅛@4⅛c; common to fair 2⅛@3c; good to choice wintered Texans unsaleable.

CINCINNATI, December 20.—Hogs dull; common light $6,40@6,50; fair to good packing $6,90@7,25; about 6,000 were left over on Saturday, and a large number unsold to-day.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Business was quiet with commission houses and importers, and the jobbing trade was light. Cotton goods were steady at ruling prices, and brown sheetings and low grade cotton flannels were in fair request. Plaid prints were in steady demand for moderate lots, but robes and shirtings moved slowly. Woolen goods, flannels and blankets are dull.

[For Additional Markets see Fourth Page.]

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R.—1 bbl molasses, Knox & O; 36 bales cotton, Eagle Cotton Mills; 2 bxs tin plate, J. B. Harker & Co; 1 desk, J. C. Bergstrasser; 8 feed cutters, 10 c shellers, Scobie R. & S; 7 bbls eggs, 30 tubs butter, Voigt, M. & Co; 4 do, 2 bbls nuts, H. J. McCrackle & Bro; 1 do eggs, C. Atwell & Co; 10 do whisky, H Evert; 5 do, M. Kiel & Co; 5 do, E. Wormser & Son; 5 do, Adler & R; 0 do, E. Kaufield; 5 do oil, P. Duff & Son; 6 do eggs, 10 tubs butter, Caskey B. & Co, 1 car hay, L. G. Graff & Co; lot roofing material, E. Lare & Co; 3 pcs castings, Bissell & Co; 5 beef hides, J. Callery & Co; 7 cases tobacco, A. Schaub; 6 do, Pretzfield Bros; 25 bbls rice, 10 hhds sugar, Haworth & D; 2 bbls foot rests, G. H. Dauler & S n; 1 car oats, Scott & G; 1 box hard ware, Hamilton L. A. & Co; 2 do spools, Eagle C. Mills; 13 bxs s bores, J. G. Stand,

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD—15 cases tobacco, S. Ewart & Co; 4 bbls b glass, Knox, K. & Co; 1 box organ, S. Hamilton; 3 cases candy, C. L. Fiaccus; 3 bbls glass, Mutual Glass Co; lot furniture, A. Milliken & Co; 1 case shoes, W. G. Harvey; 8 bales hops, Gangwich & S; 4 kegs apple jelly, Voigt, M. & Co; 8 cks ware, M. W. Sackett & Co; 33 sks rye, W. J. Meek; 1 car scrap iron, H. Lloyd Son & Co; 1 tub butter, 1 bbl eggs, F. Schields; 4 do, 3 tubs butter, Head, C. & Co; 12 bdls hides, 1 keg tallow, G. Kann; 1 c box, A. L. Murphy; 2 bdls wire, J, Woodwell & Co; 1 barrel ware, W Nelson; 1 car m feed, Laing & McK; 4 bxs butter, P. Duff & Son; 15 kegs o meal, J. Porterfield & Co; 31 ck ash, Bakewell P. & Co; 10 boxes soap, P. Seddel; 16 do honey, J. H. Lippincott; 3 bdls w robes, F. G. Wise; 3 tubs cheese, Sehlegel & Zeigler.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.—41 cars coal, N. Y. C. G. C. Co; 33 do coal, Armstrong, D & Co; 24 do, Sable Coal Co; 6 do stone, Shoenberger & D; 12 do, Lucy Furnace; 6 do, Isabella Furnace; 1 do brick, Jones & L; 1 do horses, W. W. Kahn; 1 do straw, 1 do hay, Kell & R; 1 do, John Rose; 1 do, L. Burton; 1 do coal, P. Ft. W. & C. R. Co; 1 do, W. G. Housholder; 2 pcs beef, A. Hamilton, 1 box g ware, A. O. Dury; ½ bbl s oil, C. Carson; 5 bxs g ware, 3 bbls do H. W. Buffum; 17 emt kegs, I. Leisey; 2 emt bbls, Pier, D. & Co; 1 emt bbl, Z. Wainwright & Co; 1 grate, A. Bradley & Co; 12 emt ½ bbls, Spencer, McK. & Co; 10 emt bbls, Young & B; 9 bdls baskets, Shomaker & Co. 1 bag emt bags, Marshall, K. & Co; 1 bdl hubs, T. Hare; 125 emt bbls, T. C. Jenkens; 1 emt ½ bbl, Tpencer, McK. & Co.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R.—360 bags barley, Fraunheim & N; 2 cars p lead, Fahnestock White Lead Co; 1 car pickles, Atbuckles & Co; 1 do corn, Laing & McK; 2 do hams, E.H. Myers & Co; 110 bbls kraut, 75 do pickles, 3 cars flour, T. C. Jenkins; 1 car lard, W. B. Hays & Son, 30 bbls 1 car hams, R. Owens & Co; 1 car b corn, Watt, L. & Co; 1 do middling, Dorrington Bros; 2 do cast rolls, Totten & Co; 25 bbls spirits, M. Munhall & Co; 5 do d beef, Megraw & Co; 15 bxs soap, S. Ewart & Co; 25 bbls hams, J. H. Parker; 25 do d hams, Walker, D. & Co; 15 bbls d peaches J. H. Lippencott; 2 pkgs mdse, R. A. Elliott & Co.

ALLEGHENY STATION—1 cars flour, R. Knox & Son; 2 do cooperage, J. M. Hemphill; 1 do hay, Gilleland & G; 4 bxs fish, B. Pulpress; 1 car lumber, Grush, R. & Co; 1 car hides, A. & J. Groetzinger; 1 do wheat, Gilmore & Co; 1 o seconds, I. Shippley; 1 do oats, Hack & S; 1 do bran Adams & R; 1 bdl leather, J. Luckcamp; 50 cases matches, J. F. Nickolas; 1 car s pipe, H. Lafferty; 4 t slides, H. McElhine.

RECEIPTS AT PITTSBURGH GRAIN ELEVATOR—1 car oats, M Meek; 1 do wheat, Marshall, K. & Co; 1 do oats, J. Waddle, 1 car corn, J. Rose, 1 do, E. Tallis & Co.

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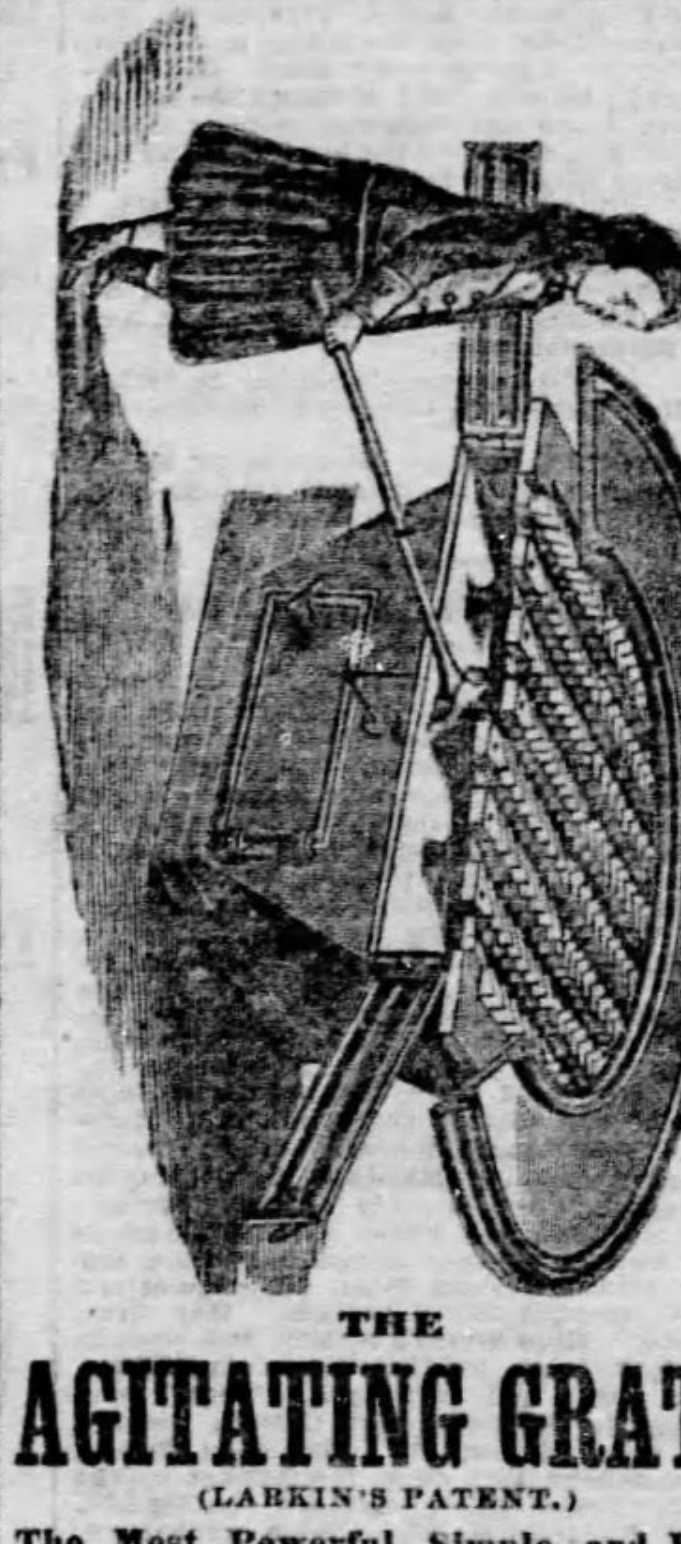

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RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.—DAILY REPORT OF THE STAGE OF WATER, WITH CHANGES IN THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 3 P. M.

Pittsburgh, December 20, 1875.

Stations.	Above low water ft.	in.	Change — or + ft.	in.	Dir'n of Wind.	State of Weather.
Cairo, Ill.	17	5	—1	2	S	Cloudy.
Cincinnati, Ohio	14	3	—1	8	S	Clear.
Davenport, Iowa	3	8		+8	S	Cloudy.
Dubuque, Iowa	6	1			S	Cloudy.
Keokuk, Iowa	1			+3	S	Cloudy.
Leavenworth, Ks.	4	7			S	Fair.
Louisville	8	4		+2	SE	Clear.
Memphis, Tenn.	15	8		+5	SE	Cloudy.
Nashville, Tenn.	8			+11	S	Cloudy.
Pittsburgh, Pa	2	7		—1	SW	Clear.
Shreveport	4	11			SE	Cloudy.
Vicksburg, Miss.	21	6		—1	S	Clear.

L. A. WELSH,
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

THE stage of water last evening was two feet five inches, and falling. The weather has moderated, but navigation is suspended in consequence of low water and ice combined.

THE Ashland arrived at Cincinnati on Sunday.

CAPTAIN JAMES RANSON was in town yesterday.

THE work of raising the towboat Fox was resumed yesterday.

CAPTAIN I. B. WHITTAKER was still in St. Louis at last accounts.

CAPTAIN A. MCCARTY is spoiling for something to do; a first-class clerkship would be very acceptable.

CAPTAIN DANNY MCALEER was in Louisville at last accounts. Look here, Danny, how about the fishes?

BOTH the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers are closed—the slackwater packets were obliged to quit on Saturday.

THE Oakland arrived at New Orleans on Friday, with a tow of coal, and left the following day with a tow of empties.

COM. W. J. KOUNTZ and Captain R. C. Gray, both of whom are on the wing a good deal, are in the city at present.

THERE have been no arrivals or departures since the date of our last report, and it is not likely that there will be until there is more water.

THE Market Boy is laid up at East Liverpool, and the Granite State, it is expected, will go into winter quarters in the mouth of the Muskingum.

THE Salt Valley and Carrie Brooks, due here on Sunday night, are laid up at Marietta, and the towboat Fred Wilson is ice bound at the same point.

THE Cincinnati *Gazette* of yesterday says: The Ashland arrived from Pittsburgh about eight o'clock yesterday morning, and discharged here 121 bales rags, 140 boxes window glass, 22 boxes and 7 barrels glassware, 53 bundles hoop iron, 35 barrels oil, 75 barrels and 55 kegs soda, 50 cases lye, a portable engine and a piano. She has on board 60 tons for Louisville, 4 tons for Evansville, 9 tons for Henderson, 5 tons for Paducah, 7 tons for Cairo, 2 tons for Memphis, 1 ton for Natchez, a half ton for the mouth of Red River, and 3 or 4 tons for New Orleans. The Ashland will leave for New Orleans to-morrow....The Chas. B. Church is coming up the river fast. With 1,175 tons, she came to Memphis in four days and fourteen hours, running time, and to Cairo in six days and nineteen hours, including all delays. In her cargo there are 5 hhds. sugar, 43 bbls. molasses for Wheeling; 10 bbls molasses, 16 hhds. sugar for Bellaire; 14 hhds. sugar, 80 bbls. molasses, 30 bbls. rice for Steubenville; 32 bbls. molasses for Allegheny; 5 hhds. sugar, 230 bbls. molasses, 90 bbls. rice for Pittsburgh....Business was brisk Saturday, and departing steamers secured good trips....The river fell 3 feet 10 inches in the 48 hours ending at 6 o'clock last evening, with 15 feet 9 inches of water here by the marks at the water works.

FROM the Cincinnati *Commercial* of yesterday we clip the following items: Clear and bright, with the wind from the east yesterday. The mercury indicated 19 deg. at 6 A. M., 30 deg. at 12 M., and 32 deg. at 6 P. M. Here, the river receded twenty-seven inches during the twenty-four hours ending at 6 P. M. with fourteen feet nine inches of water, when there were eighty-five and one-fourth feet under the Newport, and eighty seven and one-fourth feet space under the Covington bridge for passing steamers....Business was dull on the landing....In our list of officers of Captain O. P. Shinkle's new steamer Golden Rule, we were in error as to the name of the steward. Pat. Carey was written, when it should have been Pat. Carbery. Mr. Carbery is one of the best caterers on the river....Captain A. M. Halliday, late of the Ohio No. 4, was in the city on Saturday on a brief visit. Captain Halliday will, in the spring, commence building a new steamer for a trade not yet to be made public....The Muskingum river is closed by ice, and navigation is suspended. Mercury fell to zero this morning....The Kentucky river is falling slowly, with 7½ feet of water in the channel. The Eureka arrived from Louisville this evening, and departed for Shaker Ferry. Weather now moderate and much warmer since morning. Thermometer to-night 32.

(For Additional River News see Fourth Page.)

RIVER PACKETS.

For Cincinnati and Louisville.
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ORDINANCES.

[No. 114.]

AN ORDINANCE—Respecting Securities to be given by the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company to the committee appointed under the composition in bankruptcy.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the committee appointed in the proceedings for composition in bankruptcy by the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company to pass upon the securities offered under said composition are hereby requested to adhere to the directions of the resolution of Councils with reference to said securities, passed June 28th, 1875, with this exception, that if any stockholder is unable to secure his or her individual bond with a first mortgage, that then and in that case the committee are requested to demand and receive as an equivalent therefor, what in their judgment are good and sufficient securities.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils this 22d day of Nov., A. D. 1875.
A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.
Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 4, page 149, Dec., 11th, A. D. 1875. de13

[No. 115.]

AN ORDINANCE—Approving a proposition of the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company for composition in bankruptcy.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the city of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the following proposition of the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company for composition in bankruptcy, subject to the instructions to the Committee on Ordinance contained in an accompanying resolution, shall be and the same is hereby approved.

PROPOSITION OF SETTLEMENT.

WHEREAS The total amount of the indebtedness of the Nation Trust Company, with interest thereon to June 15, 1875, is		$1,009,278 89
And the total amount of mortgages and bonds for security of same in the hands of James Veech, Esq., unpaid June 15th, 1875, is	$486,557 53	
And the amount of cash in the hands of John H. Bailey, Receiver, is	10,000 00	
And the amount to be paid on the mortgage given for purchase of bank property is	7,533 00	
Amounting to		504,090 50
Which applied as payment of said indebtedness, will leave a balance of		505,188 39

Which balance will require for its payment a sum of money equal to fifty and one-tenth per centum of the face of the whole indebtedness.

Now the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company propose to their creditors as a composition in full satisfaction of the indebtedness due from them:

FIRST—That individual stockholders of the Nation Trust Company, who may contribute thereto, shall severally pay to W. B. Negley, trustee, now to be selected by the creditors as their trustee, such sums of money as they may severally undertake to pay, payable in four equal annual installments, from June 15, 1875, without interest, the whole aggregating fifty and one tenth per cent. of the face of said indebtedness, amounting to $505,648.67, promissory notes therefor to be given to said trustee, together with sureties for the payment of the same satisfactory to the majority of a committee to consist of Alex. Patterson, of Allegheny, James P. Speer, Samuel S. Boggs, Isaiah S. Pachtel and John H. Kerr, Esq., of Pittsburgh, now to be selected by the creditors, the said notes and sureties, when so received by said trustee, to be in full composition and satisfaction of the said indebtedness.

SECOND—That the bonds and mortgages now held by or made payable to James Veech, Esq., in trust for the creditors of the Nation Trust Company, amounting, June 16, 1875, to $486,557.50, are to be retained by the creditors for their use and benefit over and above and in addition to the said sum of fifty and one tenth per centum provided to be paid in composition by the preceding paragraph, but the times of payment of said bonds and mortgages are to be so extended as that they shall be payable in four equal annual instalments from June 15, 1875, without interest.

THIRD—That the amount of money in the hands of John H. Bailey and the proceeds of the mortgages given for unpaid purchase money of the Nation Trust Company's bank building and lot remaining unpaid Jun 15, 1875 (amounting to $7,533), shall be likewise paid to the creditors in addition to the amount offered in composition named in the first-numbered paragraph.

FOURTH—That upon the notes and securities mentioned in the first marked paragraph being deposited with the said trustee, all evidences of indebtedness held by creditors shall be surrendered for cancellation to the said trustee, he to give vouchers for the same that the said notes and securities mentioned in the first numbered paragraph shall be deposited with the said trustee within three months after the resolution accepting this composition shall have been recorded, and the statement of assets and debts accompanying this proposition filed.

FIFTH—The duty of the trustee shall be to make collections of the sums so secured, and make distribution of the proceeds thereof among those entitled to receive the same, receiving as his compensation for his services as trustee a sum of money not exceeding five thousand dollars, to be secured by the usual collection clauses in said securities or otherwise.

L. M. MORRIS, JAMES MCKAY,
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JOACHIM WEISSER, DAVID L. MITCHELL,
WM. CRAWFORD, JR., JOHN HERRON,
G. J. YOUNG, per J. F. YOUNG, Attorney, JOHN L. MCKELVEY, JOSEPH LANG,
ALEX. PITCAIRN, ROBT. LIDDELL,
September 11th, 1875.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 22d day of November, A. D. 1875.
A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.
Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
Approved December 1st, 1875.
WM. C. McCARTHY,
Mayor.
Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 4, page 150, December 11th, 1875.

[No. 116.]

AN ORDINANCE — Prohibiting the throwing of broken glass, nails, cuttings of tin or sheet iron, &c., into any public street or highway of the city of Pittsburgh.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh in Select and Common Councils assembled and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That any person who shall put, place, deposit or throw any broken glass, crockery, china, cuttings of tin or sheet iron, nails, hoopskirts, or other articles calculated to wound, bruise or maim man or beast, on or into any public street or highway of the City of Pittsburgh, shall pay a fine of five dollars, to be recovered summarily before any Alderman of the City of Pittsburgh.

Ordained and enacted into a law, in Councils, this 22d day of Nov., A. D. 1875.
A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.
Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
Approved Dec. 1, 1875.
Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 4, page 151, 11th day of Dec., A.D. 1875. de18

[No. 117.]

AN ORDINANCE—Locating a street from bridge at 33d street to Liberty avenue.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That a street be and is hereby located as follows, to-wit: On centre line to a width of 50 feet, commencing at the north curb of Laurel avenue on line of 33d street bridge; thence at a straight line to Liberty avenue, distant about 178 feet from first angle on Liberty avenue east of 33d street.

SEC. 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law, in Councils, this 22d day of Nov., A. D. 1875.
A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.
Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
Approved Dec. 1, 1875.
Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 4, page 152, 14th day of December, A. D. 1875. de8

[No. 118.]

AN ORDINANCE—Fixing the grade of Armstrong alley, from Wilson street to Lincoln avenue.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the grade of Armstrong alley between Wilson street and Lincoln avenue, be established as follows: Beginning at east curb Wilson street; thence rise 1.35 per 100 feet distant 188 41-100; thence fall 1 34-100 feet per 100 distant 220 feet; thence at about 3 50-100 feet per 100 to west curb of Lincoln avenue.

SECTION 2. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 22d day of November, A. D. 1875.
A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.
Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
Approved December 1, 1875.
Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 4, page 152, Dec. 15, 1875. de18

[No. 119.]

AN ORDINANCE — Establishing the Grade of Spring street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the grade of Spring street be and the same is hereby established as follows: Beginning at west curb of Lincoln avenue, rising 2 feet per 100 to a point 215 75-100 feet distant; thence falling one foot per 100 feet to east curb of Wilson street; across Wilson street level; thence rising one foot per 100 feet to a point 169.8 distant; thence falling 1 54-100 feet per 100 to west curb of Park street; thence rising 1 01-100 feet per 100 to west curb of Larimer avenue.

SEC. 2. Than any Ordinance or part of Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils this 22d day of November, A. D. 1875.
A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.
Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.
W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.
Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
Clerk of Common Council.
Approved Dec. 1, 1875.
Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 4, page 153, 15th day of December, A. D. 1875. de18

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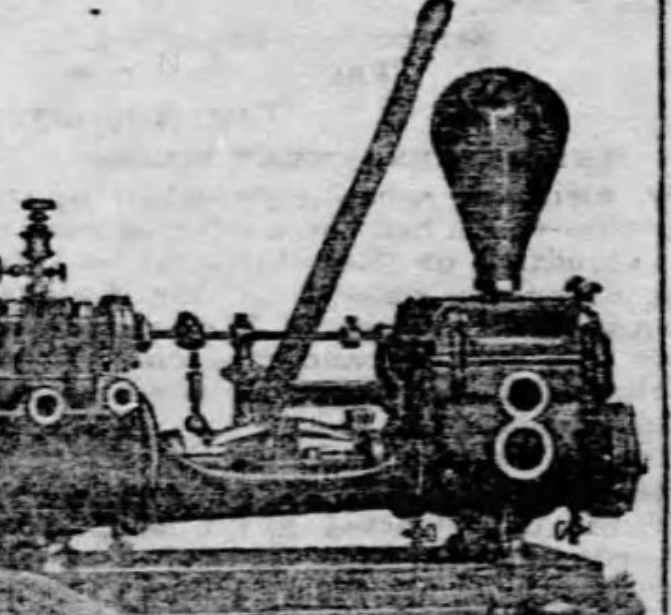

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DAY EXPRESS daily, [illegible]

MAIL TRAIN daily, except Sunday, 7:41 a. m., [illegible]

ATLANTIC EXPRESS daily, [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA EXPRESS daily, [illegible]

FAST LINE daily, [illegible]

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MAIN LINE WESTWARD.

Trains arrive at Union Depot (Pittsburgh time) as follows: [illegible]

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D. W. CALDWELL, General Manager.

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LATEST NEWS,

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Earthquake in Porto Rico.

A Town Entirely Destroyed.

CHINESE RIOT IN MALACCA.

WEST INDIES.

Resignation of the Captain General of Cuba.

HAVANA, December 20.—Captain General Valmaseda, considering the new rul[illegible] introduced into the administration of [illegible] island by the Madrid Government a[illegible] wield, patible with the power he ought[illegible] country and in view of his knowledge of t[illegible] people and his past and recent services, has forwarded his resignation, which the King has accepted. The Captain General returned from the interior yesterday. He will transfer the Government to the hands of General Carbo, next in rank, and sail for Spain on the 25th inst.

Ex-Captain General Sanz has arrived here from Porto Rico and also returns to Spain.

Earthquake.

There was an earthquake in Porto Rico on the nights of December 8th and 9th, which created great alarm. The Capital of San Juan was not damaged, but the town of Arecibo was almost totally destroyed. Two churches and only six houses remain. They are so badly damaged that they may fall at any moment.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Business Failure.

LONDON, December 20.—Lawton & Head, merchants, shippers and insurance agents, have failed. Their liabilities are estimated at $950,000.

The Grain Trade.

LONDON, December 20.—The Mark Lane *Express*, in its weekly review of the grain trade, says: Prices in several of our markets declined a shilling. In Paris flour has been dull. The markets in Holland, Germany, Hungary, the Danubian principalities and Egypt generally show no change. At St. Petersburg quotations are falling a shilling.

The Direct Cable.

The steamer Faraday, having completed her preparations for repairing the Direct Cable, cleared for New Providence, Bahama Islands.

FRANCE.

Assembly Proceedings.

PARIS, December 20.—The Assembly balloted to day for Senators without result. M. Maquet, the Radical leader, introduced a motion that amnesty be granted to Communists, and requested that it be declared "urgent." The tumult which followed was indescribable. The previous question was almost unanimously carried, the Left considering the motion, which cannot pass, an electioneering trick. The affair caused a complete rupture between the extreme Radicals and Left.

GERMANY.

The Infernal Machines.

LONDON, December 21.—A letter to the *Times* from Berlin says Fuchs, the mechanician had not delivered to Thompson any of the twenty additional machines ordered by him. The *Daily News* is informed that Thompson positively denied that he had any accomplice in his plot.

MALACCA.

Chinese Riot.

LONDON, December 20.—A dispatch from Gov. Jervois states that there is a Chinese riot in Malacca, and he has sent troops there to restore order.

SPAIN.

Movements of Military Commanders.

MADRID, December 20.—Generals Quesada and Camposh have arrived at Hargassa and left for Navarre.

Cadiz papers assert that Count Marfari has been arraigned.

BROWNSVILLE, PA.

Tramps and Trouble—Business Outlook.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Dec. 18th, 1875.

Our quiet town, like many others, is daily visited by a large number of that peculiar part of society which is vulgarly termed *tramps*. On Thursday evening last, the 16th inst., one of them became very persistent, and very unceremoniously entered the house of one of our citizens, and only after a severe battle did "trampy vacate the ranche." In other instances the revolver and similar instruments have had to be put into requisition in order to prevent entrance and robbery. Is there not a remedy for this dreadful state of things? Can not a Democratic Congress help us, with their wisdom, patriotism and integrity, to cure this evil?

Our business outlook is not flattering at present. The mining of coal will cease when the river freezes. Our boat yards are empty of boats and men, and on the 16th inst. the glass works of Mr. Geo. W. Wells closed operations here for the want of orders. It is true our new railroad is being pushed forward with vigor, but the truth is patent to all, that business here in general, "is very quiet." More anon. X.

Grant and Resumption.

The President in his late message dwells at length upon his views concerning an early resumption of specie payments. This is a vexed question and is of interest to all, and while it remains unsettled it is not surprising that capitalists are cautious, and new enterprises are not freely indulged in. When, therefore, there is anything *new* brought to light in our neighborhood, it is proper that we should promptly give our readers the benefit of our discoveries. It has become quite generally known that Messrs. J. P. Smith, Son & Co., at No. 189 Liberty street, have displayed an enterprising spirit in adding to their stock a new and beautiful line of goods which they display from a pair of large, plate glass show windows, in such gorgeous style that never fails to attract the attention of passers-by. None but those who have been within their fine salesrooms and personally examined the goods can have an accurate idea of the enterprise our friends display.

It is with pleasure that we mention a few of the principal articles to be found in their immense stock, as we may be of service to many who are at a loss to determine what)$2 00) to select for "presents" this season. There is nothing that can so constantly recall the ties of friendship as an ornament upon the mantel-piece. For this purpose, Bronzes in elaborate designs, Figures, Groups, Urns, Vases and Pitchers are provided, and are in great demand. The same articles in Parsian marble are equally as ornamental, while the great variety here displayed in new designs of tastefully decorated Vases, Mantel and Toilet Sets insures an ability to satisfy every call. The great demand of the season is for Jardiniere Stands and Bronze Card Tables. and to suit the requirements of our citizens an immense stock of unique designs has been opened. There are so many articles to be thought of in the mention of *Fine Cut Glassware* that we cannot give space to record them. Every one should at least, see the elegant *Baccarrat Table Glassware*—imported direct by this firm—comprising Water and Wine pitchers, Goblets, Wine Decanters, Fruit Bowls, Epergnes, Celery Glasses, &c., &c. The department for *Silver Ware* is full and complete—all articles being of the best quality, and as the stock is entirely new and carefully selected, many suggestions can be obtained from a glance at these shelves and cases. We recommend our readers to call at No. 189 Liberty street, while out shopping for the holidays—assuring them the time will be well spent.

Santa Claus Not Bankrupt.

The little Sunday School girl of Allegheny, who told her teacher that Santa Claus had gone into bankruptcy, could not have seen the large assortment of rich and rare gifts which the venerable saint has in store at 79 Smithfield street, and offered by his agent, Geo. W. Haslett. His display at this place is richer than ever, and more varied with the novel, the unique and the beautiful. He has had experts of the highest skill engaged for months in manufacturing, perfecting, designing and finishing these superb watches and chains for ladies and gentlemen. Kriss Kringle bankrupt! Not a bit of it. Amazement and bewilderment do not half express the mental sensation one experiences while gazing on the rich collection of Charms, Lockets, Crosses, Pendants, Rings, Clocks, Bronzes, Silverware, Statuettes, &c., at 79 Smithfield street, and those on the alert for gifts to please will do themselves and their friends a gross injustice should they pass by this *recherche* holiday house.

"A Slight Cold," Coughs.—Few are aware of the importance of checking a cough or "SLIGHT COLD" which would yield to a mild remedy, if neglected, often attacks the lungs. *"Brown's Bronchial Troches"* give sure and almost immediate relief. TTHS-S.

Our Advice to Our Readers

is, go and see what S. Boyd & Co., No. 66 Fifth avenue, have for presents for the Holidays. You may see something that will please you.

Just From England.

The regular English Christmas and New Year Cards—something new and very odd. Call, if only to see them, at George W. Backofens, No. 161 Smithfield street, above Sixth avenue.

For Pure Candies

and at prices to suit you, we commend you to Kramer & Vogleson, 51 Sixth street. Make the little ones happy on Christmas with a package of their sweets.

If you want to get a good Sewing Machine, call and see the New Elliptic Sewing Machine, at reduction until New Year. Office 25 Fifth avenue, near Market street.

EATON BROTHERS, General Agents.

When

you are out looking for Christmas gifts stop at S. Boyd & Co.'s, No. 66 Fifth avenue; you may see something there that will please you.

The Choicest Stone Cameo Sleeve Buttons

to be seen in the city are at Wattles & Sheafer's, 129 Fifth avenue.

HOME NEWS.

Another Allegheny Burglary.

On Sunday evening, during the absence of Mr. Flew and his family from their home, on Sheffield street, near Manhattan street, Allegheny, some thief thieves effected an entrance into the h[illegible] through the front door, and ransac[illegible] place from top to bottom. They o[illegible] gold chain, a dozen silver spo[illegible] in cash. There is no clue to [illegible]

Inqu[illegible]

[illegible]allin to go The summons to C[illegible], was to hold an to Elrod station [illegible] of a coal miner inquest on [illegible]Gowan, who, while at-named D[illegible] the Youghiogheny river tempting [illegible] that place, on Sunday, broke on th[illegible] was drowned. He leaves a th[illegible] large family. Two other miners [illegible] with McGowan at the time, and broke through also, but succeeded in getting safe to shore.

Fires.

A double frame house situated on Railroad street, Mt. Washington, was destroyed by fire shortly after 8 o'clock Sunday evening. The building was owned by Conrad Rosebach, who with the help of the neighbors, succeeded in saving most of his furniture. Loss about $2,000. No insurance.

Police Lieutenant Daniel Bohman, discovered a fire in the hair dressing establishment of Mrs. Lysatt, on Frankstown avenue, between Penn avenue and Broad street, about 6 o'clock Sunday evening. He burst open the door and succeeded in subduing the flames with out sounding an alarm. Loss slight.

Giant Tobacco Works.

While the general effect of the panic has been to depress business and to compel business men to economize by contracting their quarters, we observe that the above named works, located at Louisville, Ky., and of which the Messrs. Musselman & Co. are proprietors, have removed to an establishment much more commodious and of much greater capacity. Their works are now located on Ninth and Jefferson streets and, extending to Greene street, have a frontage of eighty feet, and a depth of two hundred and ten feet, with a capacity of three million pounds per annum. They are the manufacturers of all kinds of chewing tobacco, but make a specialty of "Giant" and "Ironside" navy brands which, have a reputation among users of the weed second to no other. Messrs. Musselman & Co. belong to that class of manufacturers who prefer a good name to the accumulation of wealth by a mushroom popularity, and therefore their tobaccos are prepared to the end that they may increase in popularity and be productive of satisfactory results wherever used. Dealers are invited to a trial of their brands, as possessing the virtues of excellence and cheapness.

THE SUFFERING POOR.

A Public Meeting Called in Allegheny.

We have made frequent reference to the suffering among the poorer classes in Allegheny. The matter, it seems, has now reached such a crisis that something really must be done to prevent many from actually starving. The following call, therefore, fully explains itself, and appeals to the strongest sympathies of the benevolent, and those who are favored with an abundance:

Having been requested to call a meeting of citizens of Allegheny to counsel as to the best way of relieving the hundreds in our community who are suffering for the want of food, I therefore ask all who are interested in this matter to be present at the Select Council chamber to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. O. PHILLIPS, Mayor.

Allegheny December 20, 1875.

SCOT FREE.

All the Informations Against Rattigan Thrown Overboard.

When the Assistant Attorney for the Commonwealth was about making up the bills of indictment in the cases against Thomas H. Rattigan, against whom there were 103 informations made before Alderman McMasters, it was discovered that in all but nine of the charges the time—two years—within which indictments could be made from the date of the commission of the offense, had expired. Yesterday it was also discovered that the prosecutors in the last nine cases could not be found, and the result will be that none of the cases will be presented to the Grand Jury.

Had the charges been returned to Court when the informations were first made before the Alderman, this eluding of justice could never have taken place. It will be remembered that the cases were held over from the March term, at the suggestion of Judge Ewing, to allow Rattigan to fulfil his promise to return the money to the parties from whom it was taken. This, of course, he did not do, and now he can keep the money and escape punishment also.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The production last night of the new drama, "The Victor of Rhe," was invested with a degree of local interest which has not for many months attached to any representation at this theater, chiefly for two reasons. Because the play is the result of Mr. Gotthold's own intellectual efforts, and because he made in it his first appearance in fourteen months. It was put upon the stage in elegant style, all the scenery being just fresh from the hands of the scene painter, and the costumes new and accurate. The play bears evidence of careful construction, in regard to both its literary excellence and the arrangement of the situations, the desire being of course to win public approval. And the author-actor was not only highly successful in both these respects, but in a third and very important one also, his interpretation of the leading character, *Adelard de Valancay*. He was accorded a very cordial reception, and at the close of the third act was called before the curtain, where he made a speech stating that a severe affliction had kept him from the stage for over a year but that he hoped to appear almost nightly during the remainder of the season. The support given Mr. Gotthold was very good. Mr. H. A. Ellis needed to curb himself a little, but he will doubtless have the rein properly drawn to-night. To the public we give the assurance that the "Victor of Rhe" is worthy the honor of being the attraction for Christmas week.

Library Hall.

Haverly's minstrel organization, an excellent one, as all who ever saw it cheerfully acknowledge, opened last night at Library Hall, where they will give performances during the balance of the week. Reserved seats can be purchased at Hale's.

Fifth Avenue Theatre.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" always was a popular play in Pittsburgh, and with Sam. Sanford as *Uncle Tom* it should be doubly so. He played that *role* last night before the best house that he has attracted since the commencement of his engagement. His company is a large one. Hattie Irving enacts the part of *Eva*.

Church Concert.

A vocal and instrumental concert will be given this evening at the Central Presbyterian church, on Anderson street, Allegheny, by Mr. W. H. Slack, assisted by Messrs. Harry Horner, S. Hamilton, Prof. Cleffer, the North Avenue M. E. church choir and others of our best local musical talent. J. F. Irwin, Allegheny's favorite violinist, will also be present. The ease and facility with which he handles the bow, and the exquisite strains he evokes from a violin are too well known to need mention.

Trimble's Varieties.

Billy Pastor heads the list of specialists at Trimble's this week. The programme is one of more than ordinary merit.

Tea Party.

This evening a Martha Washington Tea Party will be given at the Central Reform Presbyterian church, on Sandusky below Ohio streets, Allegheny. Admission and supper fifty cents.

The Fair and Festival

At Grace Church, Mt. Washington, of which mention was made in Friday's GAZETTE, closed on Saturday evening, with remarkable pecuniary results, the net proceeds exceeding $700. This large amount was brought about by a lively and pleasant rivalry or competition between the parties into which the company divided itself. A gigantic stick of candy especially, was voted on and yielded $114. Miss Mary Halpin was the popular lady who received the sweet prize. A set of silver ware was disposed of in like manner for $424. Mrs. Joseph McKee was the fortunate recipient of this valuable set, one of Stevenson's best. Mr. Wm. Halpin, the old-time and faithful Senior Warden of the parish, was not forgotten in the dedication of prizes, an elegant gold headed cane, also from Stevenson's, was the token of his popularity. This church, of which Rev. R. J. Caster is rector, is now in perfect repair, wholly out of debt and prosperous.

Academy of Music.

The tickets for the grand concert and other performances of Yr Eisteddfod and secured seats may now be obtained at Sheib's, No. 70 Fifth avenue. They should be procured before they are all exhausted.

Fair and Festival.

At North Avenue M. E. Church, commencing this evening, December 21st. Open afternoon and evening. Tickets, including supper and admission, fifty cents. Single admission ten cents.

Concert.

A concert of a very attractive nature will be given at the Chapel of Dr. Hodge's Church, Allegheny, this evening, at which Mrs. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Sheib, Mr. Irwin and other first class amateurs will assist.

Marion Harland in her new cook book "Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea," recommends the use of Prepared or Self Raising Flour in preference to Cream of Tarter and Soda or Expensive Baking Powder.

Santa Claus Awaits Your Order,

in the way of Gloves, Silk Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs, and Fancy Handkerchiefs of all kinds, fine Cuffs, with spring wrists, Dressing Cases for gentlemen and ladies, Umbrellas and Canes, &c., would do well to call at Phelan's, 32 Fifth avenue.

Framing Pictures

to order is a thing which Messrs. S. Boyd & Co., No. 66 Fifth avenue, make a specialty of; they do it in first class style, at low prices, and do not keep you waiting.

A Nice Christmas Present for $25.00, One of those Hunting Case Gold, Full Jeweled Lever Watches, at Wattles & Sheafer's 129 Fifth avenue.

[illegible]NCILS.

PITTSBU[illegible]es in Session Both [illegible]esterday.

[illegible]n from the City Solicitor—[illegible] Spicy Personal Tilt—The Retrenchment Ordinances—Failure of the Police and Market Bills—The Tramp Conundrum—Routine Business in Common Council.

SELECT COUNCIL.

A. H. GROSS..........President
E. S. MORROW..........Clerk

When this branch was called to order at twenty minutes past two o'clock, the following members were present and answered to their names at roll call: Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Atkinson, Barckley, Bates, Bissell, Braun, Breed, Brown, Bruce, Buckley, Carr, Clark, Clemens, Dannals, B. Darlington, Doyle, Epping, Evans, Fahnestock, Finley, Fox, Froehlich, Harrison, Hayden, Holliday, Hunter, Keebler, Kerr, Kestner, Littell, Metzgar, Meyer, Moore, Murray, Musgrave, McCandless, McCombs, McConnell, McClurg, McGimpsey, Negley, Geiger, O'Neil, Ray, Rodgers, Sawyer, Schild, Scully, Shipton, Taylor, Waring, Weldon, and President Gross.

On motion of Mr. BRAUN the reading of the minutes of all previous meetings except the last one was dispensed with.

A LEGISLATIVE OPINION.

The Clerk read the following opinion from the City Attorney on the question referred to him at the last meeting, whether the Select Council can legally legislate on an ordinance emanating from Common Council, when the endorsements thereon do not show that the same has been referred to a committee:

To the Select Council:

In exercising the powers conferred upon, and in fulfilling the duties required of the corporation by its Charter and constituent acts, it becomes necessary for the Councils to perform legislative functions in the enactment of ordinances covering such subjects, in the mode prescribed by law. This legislation may originate in either branch of Councils, and the various acts of one branch, rendered necessary to give vitality to an ordinance, are not the subject of review by the other branch. When an ordinance has been finally passed by the Common Council, under the laws, ordinances and rules which at present govern the proceedings of the Councils of the city of Pittsburgh, it is not necessary that a minute of their action should be endorsed upon the back of the bill—the minutes of the Council required by the Charter to be kept, by a clerk chosen for that purpose, being the appropriate record of their proceedings, and it is only essential that the clerk should make report to the Select Council that the bill had been finally passed by the Common Council to make it the basis of legislative action on the part of the Select Council. When so reported the Select Council may then pass the ordinance, irrespective of the regularity of the proceedings in the other or Common branch of Councils. There is, therefore, no legal obstacle in the way of the passage of the ordinances to which said resolution has reference, by the Select Council, and as to said ordinances, an examination of the record of the proceedings of the Common Council disclose nothing which would affect their validity should they become completed ordinances or laws.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. S. BIGELOW,
City Attorney.

THE RETRENCHMENT BILLS.

Mr. SHIPTON accordingly called up the ordinance which had been referred back to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, fixing the salaries of the Assessor and Assistant Assessor of Water Rents at $1,600 and $900 per annum each. Passed unanimously, forty-eight members voting in the affirmative.

Also, an ordinance fixing the salary of the Mayor's clerk at $1,600 per annum.

Mr. BRAUN objected to the adoption of the ordinance on the ground that the Mayor is able to pay his own clerk. He alleged that the fees of the Executive officer of the city amount to from $15,000 to $18,000 per annum, and that he is therefore fully able to pay a clerk.

Mr. LITTELL said Mr. Braun's method would open up the old plan of stealings, which he thought had long since been abrogated.

Mr. BRAUN moved that the salary of the Mayor's clerk be fixed at the nominal sum of $500 a year, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Finley, who made a speech in favor of it.

Mr. SAWYER offered an amendment that the salary be fixed at $1,000. Lost.

Mr. BRAUN called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. METZGAR objected to the call, because the chair had already announced its decision. He said he thoroughly understood the entire opposition to the ordinance. That it was not in the interest of retrenchment and reform, but from a purely personal motive.

Mr. BRAUN—Any gentleman who says I am influenced by personal motives lies. He is a liar.

And the speaker brought his fist emphatically down upon the desk, while the President vigorously rapped his gavel to restore order. Mr. Braun muttered "liar," once or twice after he had taken his seat. Subsequently he rose to a personal explanation, and said that he was not at all influenced by personal matters in his opposition to the bill.

Mr. AIKEN moved as a further amendment that the salary of the clerk be fixed at $1,200 per annum. The ayes and nays were called and the amendment was lost by a vote of 23 ayes to 31 nays. The ordinance then came up on final passage and was adopted by a vote of 49 ayes to no nays.

Mr. SHIPTON next presented an ordinance fixing the salary of the Messenger of Councils at $800 per annum. Adopted. Yeas 48, nays 5.

Also, an ordinance fixing the salary of the Assistant City Controller at $1,800, and the Controller's Clerk at $810 per annum. Referred back to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

NO REDUCTION AT THE MARKET.

Ordinance fixing the pay of the employes of the Market Department.

Mr. AIKEN moved as an amendment that the salaries of the Superintendent and Clerk be fixed at $1,200 instead of $1,080 each per annum.

Mr. ATKINSON moved that the bill be referred back to the committee. Lost.

Mr. HUNTER moved to lay the ordinance on the table. Lost.

Mr. AIKEN'S amendment was then lost, and Mr. Kerr offered another amendment, that the salary of the clerk of the South Side market be fixed at $900 per annum. A motion to lay the amendment on the table was lost, because if it had been adopted it would have carried the ordinance with it. When the amendment came to a vote it met the fate of all the others, and was lost also.

The bill then came up on final passage, stripped of all amendments, and was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Barckley, Bissell, Braun, Breed, Carr, Clemens, Dannels, Darlington B., Doyle, Epping, Evans, Fahnestock, Finley, Fox, Harrison, Hayden, Keebler, Littell, Metzgar, Meyer, Moore, Murray, McCandless, MacConnell, Negley, O'Neil, Sawyer, Schild, Shipton, Taylor, Waring, Weldon and President Gross—35.

Nayes—Messrs. Aiken, Atkinson, Bates, Brown, Bruce, Buckley, Clark, Froehlich, Holliday, Hunter, Geiger, Kerr, Kestner, Musgrave, McClurg, McGimpsey, Rodgers, Scully—18.

FAILURE OF THE POLICE ORDINANCE.

Mr. SHIPTON next presented an ordinance fixing the pay of the police of the city of Pittsburgh.

Mr. BRAUN raised the point of order that the ordinance read by the chair was a printed and not a written one, and furthermore that it was not in good shape. In stating his point of order he also requested the clerk to ascertain from the clerk of Common Council whether the ordinance had been properly passed in that body, and whether it had been referred to an appropriate committee.

The chair declared Mr. Braun's point not well taken.

Mr. BRAUN then called for the order of the day, which was the Act of Assembly providing for a reduction in the number of members of Select Council.

The President said that the Chairman of the Ordinance Committee had waived his right in favor of the gentleman from the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, and that therefore the order of the day would stand aside.

An amendment to except patrolmen from the reduction provided for by the ordinance was lost, after some discussion.

On final passage the ordinance was lost, the vote being as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Barckley, Bissell, Breed, Brown. Bruce, B. Darlington, Epping, Evans. Fahnestock, Finley, Harrison, Littell, Metzgar, Meyer, Moore, Murray, Musgrave, McCandless, McClurg, Negley, Sawyer, Shipton, Taylor and Waring.—26.

Nays—Messrs. Aiken, Bates, Braun, Buckley, Carr, Clark, Clemens, Dannels, Doyle, Fox, Froehlich, Hayden, Holliday, Hunter, Geiger, Keebler, Kerr, Kestner, McCombs, MacConnell, McGimpsey, O'Neil, Rodgers, Schild and President Gross.—25. Thirty-seven votes are required to pass an ordinance.

Ordinance establishing the salaries of the Monongahela Wharfmasters of the North and South Sides. Passed.

Ordinance fixing the salaries of the employes of the Fire Department. Referred to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

SEPARATE COMMITTEES.

Mr. MACCONNELL presented a supplementary Act of Assembly repealing section 12 of the Act of April 1, 1868, entitled "an Act supplemental to the Act incorporating the City of Pittsburgh." Mr. MacConnell's supplement provides for separate instead of joint committees of Council. Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr. METZGAR called up the ordinance providing for a re-districting of the city for street purposes, and its division into four street districts; fixing also the number and compensation of the Street Commissioners.

A motion to lay the bill on the table was lost. Yeas 20, nays 29.

After considerable discussion the action taken at a previous meeting, dividing the city into four districts, was reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. Aiken it was decided to increase them to six—two for the South Side, two for the old city and two for the East End. The bill was then referred to the Street Committee to be re-written.

The following, presented by Mr. Brown, was referred to the Police Committee:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and is hereby requested to issue orders that will permit the temporary incarceration of Aldermen's prisoners in the various station houses of the city, under rules similar to those governing the detention of persons arrested by the Municipal police force.

TRAMP! TRAMP! TRAMP!

Mr. BREED, from the Special Committee on Tramps, submitted the following:

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh.

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee appointed Dec. 13, 1875 to confer with the Guardians of the Poor and Board of Directors of the Young Mens Home on the subject of finding employment for "tramps," common vagrants and beggars, would respectfully report that they met committees of the above named bodies on the 15th inst., that it was the unanimous sense of the meeting that it was the duty of the city of Pittsburgh to protect herself by furnishing employment for the numerous "tramps" etc., in our midst, and the accompanying resolutions are accordingly recommended for adoption.

R. E. BREED,
HENRY METZGAR,
JOHN A. FOX,
JNO. HUGHES,
THOS. ROWSWELL.

Resolved, 1. That the Street Commissioners of the several districts be and are hereby instructed to take charge of such laborers as may be furnished by the Directors of the Young Men's Home, and put them to work on the streets, at cleaning either the cartways or sidewalks, for which labor they are authorized to enter the names of all who will work, on the pay rolls, at not to exceed fifty cents per day, the aggregate amounts of which are hereby directed to be paid to the Treasurer of the said Young Men's Home.

Resolved, 2. That the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh be and is hereby directed to furnish such number of policemen as may be necessary to take charge of any squads of laborers that may be furnished by the Young Men's Home, conduct them to such place or places as may be designated by the Street Commissioners of the several districts, to arrest as common vagrants, confine and hold for trial by the Mayor, those who will not work, and to return the diligent, at night, to the Young Men's Home on Duquesne Way.

Resolved, 3. That the Mayor be and is hereby directed to instruct the police force to return all tramps, or others idle on the streets, and without visible means of support, to the Young Men's Home, in order that they may be put into the working squads.

The document was referred to the Street Committee, after which Council adjourned to meet again on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

COMMON COUNCIL.

C. L. POWERS..........President *pro. tem.*
GEORGE BOOTH..........Clerk

This branch convened at half past two o'clock. President Negley being absent, Mr. C. L. Powers was called to the chair. At roll call the following members were present. Messrs. Aull, Bindley, Buckley, Boucher, Boyd, Connelly, Conway, Flinn, Fox, Fritz, Finnerty, French, Glass, Hahn, Hogle, Hughes, Laughran, Nesbit, Powers, Pauline, Rowswell, Rolfe, Speakman, Thompson and Wainwright.

The meeting being a special one, the Clerk read a call contained in the following resolution adopted by the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

Resolved—That the Clerk be directed to issue a call for a meeting of Common Council on Monday, Dec. 20th, 1865, at two o'clock P. M., to consider certain business to be reported by the Retrenchment and Reform Committee.

Mr. GLASS, Chairman of that committee, presented an ordinance prescribing the manner of letting the contract for cleaning, firing and taking care of Municipal Hall. Referred back to the committee.

Also, an ordinance fixing the wages to be paid certain employees of the Street and Road Committees. Referred to the Street Committee.

Also, an ordinance fixing the salary of the Mechanical Engineer and Assistant Mechanical Engineer of the new Water Works.

Mr. ROLFE moved to indefinitely postpone. Lost.

Mr. FOX moved to refer the ordinance to the Water Committee. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

The regular order of business was then taken up and the following petitions, &c., were presented.

Mr. BINDLEY, resolution for a sewer on Chestnut street, Thirtieth ward. Referred.

Mr. FOX, petition for a gas lamp at the corner of Thirty-seventh street and Mulberry alley. Referred.

Mr. HAHN, petition from the trustees of the First German Evangelical Reformed church, South Side, to have taxes on church property refunded. Referred.

Mr. HUGHES, an ordinance amending an ordinance opening Mary street, South Side. Referred.

Mr. BUCKLEY, resolution relative to a dangerous building in the Thirty-fifth ward. Referred to the Building Inspector.

Mr. FRENCH, appeal of Matthew Grier, Thirty-sixth ward, for reduction of business tax. Referred.

Mr. AULL, from the Survey Committee, presented an ordinance locating Chestnut street, Thirty-sixth ward. Laid over on first reading.

Also, an ordinance vacating Collins avenue, from Stanton avenue to Graff street. Laid over on first reading.

Mr. FOX, from the Printing Committee, submitted an ordinance to amend an ordinance providing for contracts for supplies, printing the *Municipal Record*, and furnishing stationery for the city departments. This ordinance fixes the time for letting the contracts in February, 1876, instead of in May, as originally provided for. Passed.

Also, an ordinance fixing the manner of letting the contract for doing the public printing. Passed.

CARING FOR CITY HALL.

Mr. BOUCHER moved to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance prescribing the manner of letting the contract for cleaning, firing and taking care of Municipal Hall.

This bill was referred to the Retrenchment and Reform Committee, as already noted. The committee immediately met and reported it back affirmatively.

Mr. AULL raised the point of order that no committee can meet during a session of Councils.

The Chair, in response, reiterated the decision of President Negley, made at the last session, that a committee can meet during a meeting of Council.

Mr. AULL cited parliamentary law from Cushing's Manual, and appealed from the decision of the Chair, as the Manual expressly says that no committee can meet during a meeting of the main body.

Mr. AULL was called to preside, and the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" thirteen members voted aye and six nay. So the decision was sustained, and the ordinance came up for passage. The rules were then suspended.

Mr. FOX moved to refer the ordinance to the City Property Committee. Lost.

The ordinance on its final passage was then lost for want of a legal majority of 22, there being only 19 ayes to 3 nays.

Mr. CONWAY, from the special committee appointed to consider the plan of streets laid out by Mrs. Denny, in the Thirty-fifth ward, reported the plan affirmatively. Approved.

An ordinance passed in Select Council providing for a preliminary examination of all petitions and ordinances for street or sewer improvements by the Board of Viewers was lost.

A resolution adopted by Select Council for the payment of $400 to K. Bracken for the construction of approaches to a bridge on Wilmot street was also passed.

Mr. FOX, resolution providing for the advertising for men to put all water pipes now exposed to the elements, under ground. Referred to the Water Committee.

Adjourned.

POSITIVE SALE OF Second-Hand Pianos and Organs.

In order to make room for a large stock of holiday goods, constantly arriving, Messrs. Mellor & Hoene, 79 Fifth avenue, offer the following well-known makes of Pianos and Organs, all of which are in good order, some used but a short time, and looking as good as new, at an immense reduction from regular selling prices. The Pianos are: One Chickering, worth new, $800; one Knabe, worth new, $750; one Decker Bros., new, $700; one Calenberg & Vaupel, new, $650; one Emerson, new, $650; one Gale, new, $550; one Guild, new, $500; one Miller, new, $500; one Gabler, new, $600, and several others at different prices. Among the list of Organs we find Mason & Hamlin, Taylor & Farley, Estey, Shoninger, and other makes. All persons wanting to secure a really good bargain had better call soon, as those who come first will have the pick of the largest and finest lot of second-hand instruments ever offered here, and as they must be sold, you can get a bargain, besides having them on easy payments if desired. Remember the place, Mellor & Hoene, 79 Fifth avenue.

Retrenchment and Reform.

Before the city Councils began to talk about retrenchment and reform, Wattles & Sheafer the model jewelers of this city having foreseen what was coming to pass, prepared themselves accordingly by marking the stock on hand down to the lowest possible price, and purchasing their holiday stock at the lowest cash price. Now if any lady or gentleman of our acquaintance, and the public in general, are desirous of purchasing anything in the way of Diamonds, Watches, Bracelets, Cameo, Coral and other styles of jewelry, Sleeve Buttons and Studs, Onyx and Gold Necklaces, Lockets and Crosses, Gold and Silver Head Canes, &c., we highly recommend Wattles & Sheafer, for three great reasons which every buyer should heed; these are, the quality is guaranteed, the styles are the newest, and the prices as low if not lower than any other place in the city. Their No. is 129 Fifth avenue.

Steamship Arrivals Saturday.

Dispatches received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship Exchange and Telegraph office, at 163 Smithfield street, announce the arrival of the steamer City of Berlin, at Queenstown; steamer Pennsylvania, at Queenstown; steamer Adriatic, Queenstown; steamer Illinois, at Philadelphia; steamer Vaderland, at Antwerp; steamer Cotterdam, at Rotterdam.

H. J. Adams, 98 Fifth Avenue,

having made great preparations for the Holidays is now ready to supply his customers with all the needy things that are suitable for Christmas Gifts. Persons wishing anything in Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods would do well to call.

The Nobbiest Thing

for a Christmas Gift would be a pair of fine Flower Pictures, neatly framed, such as you can see by calling at S. BOYD & CO.'S, No. 66 Fifth avenue.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

....The gas furnished by the Allegheny Gas Company is of a very poor quality.

....There will be a spelling match at the First Methodist Church, Union avenue, Allegheny city, this evening.

....A great number of the gas lamps in Allegheny were frozen up last night and consequently they gave no light.

....A *habeas corpus* was granted by Judge Sterrett yesterday, returnable this morning, in the case of J. F. Chapman, the "Erie" merchant.

....Parties contemplating buying Christmas gifts this week will find several announcements of holiday advertisements on our first page.

....A man named John Davey was knocked down and run over by a coal wagon, on Washington street, yesterday afternoon. One of his legs was badly crushed.

....Mayor Phillips rendered his decision yesterday in the matter of the charges of cowardice preferred against Chief Ross. He decided that there was no cause for the complaints and therefore dismissed the case.

....This is the season when a glance at the columns of a newspaper—the GAZETTE in the way of illustration—will advise you where the best variety of holiday goods are kept, and where they can be had for the least amount of money.

....The third number of the *Educational Voice* has been laid upon our table. It is an improvement upon its predecessors in every way, and contains many valuable suggestions for those engaged in teaching the young idea how to shoot.

....During the past week there were seventeen deaths in Allegheny City. Three of these were from heart disease, two were cases of still birth, and the remainder of various other diseases, including one case of small-pox. All were white, ten were females and seven males.

....Emma Hickenwattle made an information before Alderman McMasters, yesterday, charging her father, Wm. Hickenwattle, with assault and battery. William wanted Emma to seek employment some place, and because she wouldn't do it, beat her most unmercifully. Warrant issued.

....While a couple of lads, sons of Mr. Dalmeiger, living near Haysville station, P., Ft. W. & C. R. R., were examining a revolver, the other day, the accidental discharge of the firearm severely wounded William Dalmeiger, the ball entering his breast and passing between the heart and lungs.

....The State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at the Academy of Music, in this city, commencing on the 26th of January. The address of welcome will be delivered by Judge Kirkpatrick, and the response by Major A. Wilson Norris. Governor Hartranft, the Commander in Chief, will be among the distinguished guests.

....It is thought by some that Griffin, whose hair store on Beaver avenue, Manchester, was damaged by fire last summer to the extent, as he alleged, of $3,000, and who fled when an investigation was instituted, is the man Thomassen, who figured in the Dynamite explosion, in the harbor of Bremen. The description of Thomassen fits Griffin exactly.

....The Thirteenth warders, famous for indignation meetings and remonstrances, are circulating for signatures a remonstrance against the opening of Hill street, for which an ordinance is now pending before Councils. In this case it happens that the Hill street referred to is in the Thirty-sixth ward, and not in the rear of Center avenue, as the remonstrants suppose. Where are we now?

....A regular session of the Temperance Alliance was held yesterday. The committee appointed to memorialize the Legislature to re-enact the Local Option law, reported that it would be unwise to ask for such legislation. Talk about the children's meetings which are being held consumed the principal portion of the time. The newsboys connected with the Sunday schools will be given a dinner on Christmas day at the Alliance rooms.

....A mad hog made things lively on several Allegheny streets, yesterday afternoon. It was first noticed on Federal street, near North Park, where it attacked several persons and bit a little boy. It then entered King's shoe store, but after being driven from there ran into Crump's grocery and scattered a lot of customers. It was next heard of on Ohio street, where it chased a number of persons, but so far as heard from hurt no one.

....About four o'clock yesterday afternoon a scaffold on a house at the corner of Allegheny and Western avenues, Allegheny, on which two carpenters were working, suddenly gave way and precipitated the two men to the ground beneath, a distance of twelve or fifteen feet. One of them was struck on the head by one of the falling boards, but he escaped with a few bruises. The other sustained a severe injury of the spinal column, and also a dislocation of one of his ankles. He was assisted to his home on Chestnut street and medical aid called in.

....The arrest of a man for the theft of a web of waterproof cloth, from the store of John Gray & Co., on the South Side, yesterday, was attended with considerable difficulty and excitement. The man was evidently crazy from the use of liquor, and in the Alderman's office suddenly jumped from his chair and attacked the magistrate, witnesses, spectators and all, with a resistless fury that scattered the crowd in short order. He was committed to the lock-up to sober up, before proceeding further with the hearing of the charge of theft against him.

....J. McCullough, wholesale liquor dealer, No. 165 Liberty street, was one of the victims of J. F. Chapman, the "Erie merchant" who was arrested in this city on Saturday on a charge of securing goods under false pretenses. "Graves & Bro.," the Erie "firm" purchased a barrel of whisky from Mr. McCullough, and after its shipment to Erie immediately reshipped it to this city, and the bill of lading was found in Chapman's possession when he was arrested. If a case is not made out against Chapman by the Erie authorities Chapman will be brought back to this city, and the charge of false pretense pushed by Mr. McCullough.

....A meeting of the officers of Grace Presbyterian Church (colored,) located on Centre avenue, was held last evening to make arrangements for immediately repairing the damage done by the fire on Sunday afternoon. The agents of the Pittsburgh and Boatmen's Insurance companies, in which the church was insured, gave notice that they would enter into such arrangements immediately as are necessary for the repair of the church, and the special committee having charge of the affair was instructed to proceed at once with the work. Resolutions were adopted thanking the Fire and Police departments for prompt and efficient assistance.

....Mr. W. Fulton, a student who had been attending the Allegheny Theological Seminary for about three years, has mysteriously disappeared. He left his boarding house on the Perrysville Road, Allegheny, last Friday evening, and has not been seen by any of his friends since. Mr. Fulton's parents reside at Northwood, Ohio. Information was sent to them of his strange disappearance, in the hope that he might have gone there, but nothing has been heard yet from them. He left all of his clothes and other articles at his room, excepting the suit he wore. He was one of the most highly esteemed students at the Seminary, and his absence is, therefore, the more singular.

....A gentleman who declined to give his name, had a valuable gold watch, a diamond pin, and his pocket book, containing about $15 in money, stolen from his room at the Central Hotel during Sunday night, the total value of the articles being about $800. About half past three o'clock a man came down stairs complaining of a pain in the region of his stomach, and asked the way to the nearest drug store. He was shown the way and departed. Shortly afterward the occupant of the room to whom the stolen articles belonged awoke and discovered his loss. He made an information before the Mayor yesterday, and gave a description of the articles stolen to the detectives, who are on the lookout for the thief.

PERSONAL.

***Rev. Dr. R. T. Taylor, President of Beaver College, preached at Hamlin M. E. Church, Steubenville, Ohio, Sunday, Dec. 19th.

***Alderman Koenig has been appointed Assessor of the Tenth ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James McGrath.

***The installation of the Rev. J. D. Herr, late of this city, as pastor of the Central Baptist Church, New York, occurred last Sabbath. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with festoons of green baskets of flowers and bright silken banners from the Sunday school. The congregation filled not only the body of the house, but the galleries and all available spaces, indicating an interest in the occasion and a cordial welcome to the newly settled pastor. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Fulton, D. D., of Brooklyn, charge to the pastor by Rev. Thos. Armitage, D. D., charge to the church by Rev. Hasley W. Knapp, and hand of Fellowship by Rev. R. S. MacArthur, of New York. A letter was read from Rev. B. F. Woodburn, of Allegheny, expressing regrets at his inability to be present, and enclosing a series of complimentary resolutions adopted by the Baptist Ministerial Conference of Pittsburgh.

RARE BARGAINS.

Two New Pianos Damaged.

In our holiday shipment of Pianos we received two that were slightly damaged in the lids by transportation from New York. One is a splendid Chickering, the other an elegant Kranich & Bach. Both of these instruments will be warranted sound in every respect, except the above slight injuries, (which can be repaired at a slight cost,) and will be sold one hundred dollars cheaper than the regular selling price.

MELLOR & HOENE,
79 Fifth avenue.

Half an Hour

spent in the storeroom of Messrs. S. Boyd & Co., No 66 Fifth avenue, will richly repay any one when out making their holiday purchases during this week. They are making an elegant display of fine engravings, stationery, photographs, oil chromos, oil paintings, &c., &c., any of which would make a handsome Christmas gift. They consider it no trouble to show goods.

Receiving Daily, Goods for Gifts.

All the latest novelties in Gents Furnishing Goods for the holidays are being received daily at Phelan's, No. 32 Fifth avenue. The rush is even now so great that it requires close attention to keep up the stock, but go early and secure the best goods and extra bargains.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

The Preparations Made at Messrs. Joseph Horne & Co.'s.

Christmas is coming! shout children and youth, and Christmas is coming! echo those of more advanced years. To a vast number it will bring happiness, as it is the season for the exchange of such loving amenities as are prompted by liberal and kindly hearts. It is a time for gift giving, and there are hundreds who are now puzzling their brains over the difficult problem, "What shall I select." We propose to help all such undecided ones, by directing their attention to the house where they will find such an assortment of useful and beautiful goods that they cannot fail to make a selection. The house is the long established retail headquarters of Messrs. Joseph Horne & Co., Nos. 197 and 199 Penn avenue. In anticipation of the holiday trade, all the goods in the house have been marked down to ante-war prices, and bargains such as have not been heard of in these parts for years can now be had at Messrs. Horne & Co.'s retail stores.

We do not propose to attempt a reference even to the many classes of goods to be had in the stores, for we might as well attempt to enumerate the varied contents of a fairy bazaar. The stock is an immense one and embraces goods from which very appropriate and very beautiful presents may be selected for ladies and gentlemen, married or single, or youths, boys, Misses and children of all ages and tastes. Messrs. Horne & Co., make a specialty of goods for holiday gifts, and their assortment—from a seal sacque for a lady to a slipper pattern for a gentleman—is the largest, most complete and richest of any house in Western Pennsylvania, while the prices are less than rule at houses where goods of a much inferior character are sold. Everything purchased at Horne's will stand the test. Any of our readers who are in a quandary as to what article to select for a gift will be helped out of trouble by glancing over the list of useful and handsome gifts which are announced by the house in another column.

"Throw Physic to the Dogs; I'll None of It."

We do not in the least feel like blaming Macbeth for this expression of disgust; indeed, we are rather inclined to sympathize with him. Even nowadays most of the cathartics offered to the public are great, repulsive-looking pills, the very appearance of which is sufficient to "turn one's stomach." Had Macbeth ever taken Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets he would not have uttered those words of contempt. It is really encouraging, when one is ill, to find that a little, sugar-coated Pellet, no larger than a grain of mustard, will as promptly produce the desired effect as a dose of great, nauseating pills. These little Pellets, unlike other cathartics, are really nature's physic. They do not debilitate, but tone and invigorate the system. No family should be without Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. TTHS-S.

He Makes Them by the Ton.

Never was a phrase more literally true than the above, when used as to the immensity of the manufacture, at the Caramel headquarters at McDonald's, 134 Wood street. Dropping at 134 Wood street, yesterday, we saw a huge pile of boxes labeled for Chicago, while in another part of the room were boxes marked for St. Louis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and New York, and on making inquiry as to their contents, were told that they contained Chocolate Cocoa Caramels, Cocoanut Cream Caramels, Maple Caramels, &c., composed of the purest ingredients and most delicious flavors. McDonald's Caramels and Marsh Mellow Drops are all the rage and go off like hot buckwheat cakes.

Furs For the Holidays—Seal Sacques, Seal Sets, Otter Sets, Children's Fine Fancy Dresses—Great Bargains at Fleming & Oglevee's, No. 129 Wood Street.

We have just received a very large invoice of Fine Fancy Furs for the holidays, consisting of Seal Sacques, Seal Sets, Otter Sets, Children's Fine Fancy Furs, that we will sell at extremely low prices during the holidays.

All who want anything in the Fur line are invited to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

We have now on exhibition some of those Fine Dressing Cases for Gentlemen and Ladies. Also a Full Line of White and and Fancy Silk Mufflers and Handkerchiefs at low prices, at H. J. ADAMS, 98 Fifth avenue.

A Christmas Gift that is Sure to Suit.

Nothing could be more appropriate than an elegant, Imported Fancy Box, filled with fine French Candies, such as can be had only at Kramer & Vogleson's, 51 Sixth street.

Up in the Morning, Early.

Ladies, there is no use expecting to get into the furnishing goods house of James Phelan, 32 Fifth avenue, unless you go very early in the day. It was so crowded with buyers yesterday that many could get no farther than the door steps. Go early. Finest and fanciest goods and lowest prices.

Committees on Sunday School

Celebrations should call on Kramer & Vogleson, at their new store 51 Sixth street, before buying elsewhere, and see their *Pure* Sunday School Mixed Candies, their prices are the least and the goods the best. Boxes furnished and filled if desired.

Buy Your Father a Nice Gold Headed Cane

for a Christmas gift, at Wattles & Sheafer's Jewelry Store, 129 Fifth avenue.

Look

At George W. Backofen's window and see what an elegant Present can be bought for very little money. Do take the trouble to see, inside, the Leather and Paper Goods and Tree Ornaments. No. 161 Smithfield street, above Sixth avenue.

The Puddlers and Boilers

have compromised, and times will not be so hard as was expected; but notwithstanding this we advise you to buy your Toys and Candies at 51 Sixth street; the cheapest, the purest and best are there.

The Best Place in the City

to get your pictures framed, without having to wait for them, is at S. BOYD & CO.'S, No. 66 Fifth avenue, second door from Wood street.

LATEST RIVER NEWS.

OIL CITY, December 20, 1875.
River 1 foot 2 inches and falling.

PARKER'S LANDING, December 20, 1875.
River 22 inches and falling.

RICE'S LANDING, December 20, 1875.
River 4 feet 8 inches and falling. Cloudy.

BROWNSVILLE, December 20, 1875.
River 4 feet 8 inches and falling. Cloudy.

WHEELING, December 20. 1875.
River 5 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather cloudy.

CINCINNATI, December 20, 1875.
River 14 feet, and falling. Partly cloudy and mild. Arrived—Hudson, Wheeling.

EVANSVILLE, December 20, 1875.
Clear till evening, but now cloudy, with signs of rain; mercury 40 to 50. River 15 3-10 feet, and falling fast. Up—Pat Cleburn, 8 P. M.; Aggie, 10; Chas. B. Church, 2 A. M.; Grey Eagle, 10; George Roberts, noon. Down—Mary Houston, midnight; Vint Shinkle, 3; Pat Cleburn, 4. Business good.

CAIRO, December 20, 1875.
Arrived—Fannie Tatum, St. Louis, 1 P. M.; Julia, Vicksburg, 2; J. M. Chambers, St. Louis, 3; J. D. Parker, Memphis, 4; Jas. Kinney, Vicksburg, 6. Departed—Alice Brown, Ohio river, noon; Tatum, Vicksburg, 3 P. M.; Chambers, Vicksburg, 5; Parker, Cincinnati. River 17 feet 9 inches, and falling. Light rain to-night; mercury 54.

LOUISVILLE, December 20, 1875.
Clear and warm. Arrived—Turner, New Orleans; Lily, Cincinnati; Glasgow, Evansville; Andy Baum, Memphis. Departed—Turner and Glasgow, Cincinnati; Lily, South. Seven feet six inches in the canal, and five feet six inches on the falls.

ST. LOUIS, December 20, 1875.
Arrived—Belle of St. Louis, Vicksburg. Departed—none. River risen 5 inches, occasioned, it is thought, by a gorge below here. Heavy ice is still passing the city, and although the underwriters have lifted the embargo, nobody is disposed to start out, owing to the low water and ice. Cloudy, damp, hazy and warm.

MEMPHIS, December 20, 1875.
Warm and cloudy; threatening. Arrived—Thompson Dean and James Howard, New Orleans; Illinois, Vicksburg. Departed—Fanny Lewis, St. Louis; John Rhodes, Pittsburgh; Susie Silver, New Orleans. River stationary.

VICKSBURG, December 20, 1875.
Down—Mary Belle. Up—Peytona. The river fell one inch.

NASHVILLE, December 20, 1875.
River falling; five feet on shoals. Arrived—Bermuda, Cairo. Departed—Bermuda, Cairo.

ADDITIONAL MARKETS.

New York.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Flour quiet and steady, with a limited export and home trade demand; receipts 17,000 barrels; superfine State and western $4,50@5,75; common to good extra $5 @5,50; good to choice $5,35@6; white wheat extra $6,05@7,75; extra Ohio $5,50@7,40; St. Louis $5,25 @9,00; Minnesota, patent process, $6,75@9. Rye flour in fair demand at $4.25@5,40. Corn meal unchanged. Wheat dull; slightly in buyers' favor; receipts 82,000 bush; No. 1 spring $1,30@1,32; rejected $1,00; ungraded $1,20@1,22; No. 2 Chicago spring old, store, $1,20; No. 3 do nominally $1,09; No. 1 Milwaukee afloat $1,30; No. 2 Milwaukee $1,23, store; No. 3 do $1,11, store; No 2 Minnesota, choice and hard, $1,24, store; No. 1 do $1,30; afloat $1,03; winter red western new $1,26; white Michigan $1,45. Rye steady; western 88@90c. Barley dull and heavy; common Canada $1,12. Malt quiet and unchanged. Corn scarcely so firm; receipts 32,000 bushels; western mixed sail 76c; do steam nominally 75c; new western mixed and yellow 63@71c; high mixed western 56½c. Oats quiet and unchanged; receipts 22,000 bushels. Hay firm; shipping 80c. Hops steady; eastern and western and New York State 10@15c; California 17@20c. Rio Coffee quiet and unchanged. Sugar quiet and unchanged. Molasses: New Orleans quiet at 55@62c. Rice unchanged. Petroleum firmer; crude 7¼c; refined 13c; cases 16¾@19½c; naptha 18¾@19½c. Rosin quiet; strained $1,70@1,75. Spirits of Turpentine 37c. Eggs unchanged. Pork dull and heavy; new mess jobbing at $21; January $20,75. Beef unchanged; long clear middles, western, 10⅝c; bulk 10¾@10½c. Lard dull and heavy; prime steam 13c; January 13 1-16c. Butter firm; prime firm; others unsettled; western 16@25c. Cheese unchanged. Whisky: $1,16.

Cotton.

CHARLESTON, December 20.—Cotton dull and easier; middlings 13c; net receipts 4,788 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,474; to the continent 2,320; coastwise 2,259; sales 1,000.

SAVANNAH, December 20.—Cotton lower to sell; middlings 12⅝c; net receipts 5,364 bales; exports to France 1,649 bales; coastwise 3,298; sales 1,221.

MOBILE, December 18.—Cotton: middlings 12¾c; low middlings 12⅜c; good ordinary 10⅞c; net receipts 2,233 bales; exports coastwise 1,098; sales 1,590.

GALVESTON, December 20.—Cotton: middlings 12⅝c; low middlings 12⅜c; good ordinary 11¼c; net receipts 7,898 bales; gross 7,931; exports coastwise 1,769; sales 1,911.

Foreign.

LONDON, December 20.—The bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £27,000. Consols: money, 93 13-16; account, 93 15-16; new 5s, 105@125; 5-20s of '65, 104, do of '67, 107; 10-40s, 106½; Central, 90; Erie, 14; preferred, 29.

PARIS, December 20.—Rentes. 65f 82½c.

FRANKFORT, December 20.—New 5s, 99⅜.

NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS MORE.

Amount Necessary to Finish the Water Extension—Approximate Estimates of the Civil and Mechanical Engineers.

The Water Committee was called to meet last night, but it failed to get a quorum. The members present were Messrs. Brown, chairman, Hunter, Flinn, Wainwright, Hughes, Fox, and Powers. An informal meeting, however, was held, and the reports of the Civil and Mechanical Engineers relative to the amount that will be necessary to complete the Water Extension were read. The Chairman stated that the object of this early meeting was to agree upon the sum that will be necessary to finish the work in hand, and make a report to the Finance Committee, in order that the necessary legislation may be procured at the next meeting of the Legislature.

The report of Mechanical Engineer Lowry was first read, as follows:

PITTSBURGH, December 20, 1875.

To the Chairman and Members of the Water Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—For your information I respectfully report that the amount required to complete the work under my charge will approximate $569,176.78, viz.:

ENGINES.	
Contract price for first pair of engines	$423,550 00
Paid contractor to date	303,484 69
Balance	$120,065 31
Contract price for second pair of engines	375,000 00
Paid contractor to date	269,822 18
Balance	$105,177 82
Paid to date on both pair of engines	573,306 87
Balance to be paid	225,243 13
BOILERS.	
Contrct price	$ 55,376 00
Paid contractor to date	$ 37,825 89
Paid by committee	3,000 00
Total paid to date	$ 40,825 89
Balance to be paid should no deductions be made for mud drums	14,550 11
Balance to be paid should mud drums be deducted	11,750 11
RISING MAINS.	
Contract price	$130,070 67
Paid on estimates to date	22,366 37
Balance	$107,704 30
INFLUENT PIPES AND VALVES.	
Contract price	$8,190
Paid contractor to date	6,272
Balance	$1,918
Total amount required to complete work now under contract:	
Engines	$225,243 13
Boilers	14,550 11
Rising main	107,704 30
Influent pipes and valves	1,918 00
Total	$349,415 54
Approximate estimate of the work not yet contracted for, viz:	
Engines and boiler house at Negley's Run	$ 45,000 00
Two stacks, boiler walls and sidings	10,000 00
Influent pipes	21,000 00
Fitting said pipes and valves into foundations	1,600 00
Check valves and branch pipes	8,000 00
Piers to carry rising main over Negley's Run	3,000 00
Grading and digging trenches for rising main	10,000 00
Herron's Hill—Two engines and boilers	25,000 00
Foundations and buildings for same	25,000 00
Pumping main	9,000 00
Land for building and right of way for pumping main	20,000 00
Total	$177,600 00
RECAPITULATION.	
Bal. to be paid on contracts	$349,415 54
For work not yet contracted for	177,600 00
For contingences, eight per cent	42,161 21
Total	$569,176 78

No provision is made in the above statement for pumping the water to Brilliant Hill reservoir, as I understand that it is abandoned, if not permanently, at least for the present. In conclusion I would say that in my opinion it would only be an unnecessary expenditure of money, as the city can be supplied with water much cheaper and with greater safety from Hiland avenue reservoir than from Brilliant Hill.

Very Respectfully,
JOSEPH L. LOWRY.

The report of Civil Engineer Morely is as follows:

Approximate estimate of the amount of money required to complete the work under the supervision of the Civil Engineer of the Water Extension:

Hiland reservoir	$ 14 636 30
Herron's Hill reservoir	24,410 60
Laying thirty-six inch pipe on Butler street	56,000 00
Laying twenty inch pipe on Centre avenue and Craig street	9,381 00
Laying twelve inch pipe on Madison avenue	2,200 00
Hiland reservoir, gates, gate houses, screens, &c	4,050 00
Herron reservoir, gates, gate houses, screens, &c	1,300 00
Hiland reservoir, iron railing on coping	8,000 00
Herron reservoir, iron railing on coping	2,100 00
Total	$122,077 80
Add ten per cent. for contingencies	12,207 79
Total	$134,285 69
Should Brilliant Hill reservoir be completed, add:	
Reservoir	$162,341 00
Iron railing on coping	6,660 00
Gate-houses, gates, &c	4,100 00
	$173,101 00
Add ten per cent. for contingencies	17,310 10
Total	$190,411 10
Pipe for supplying high ground from Herron's Hill reservoir, furnishing, laying, &c,:	
Eight inch pipe, about	$ 26,000 00
Six inch pipe, about	12,000 00
	$ 38,000 00
Grand total	362,696 79

After considerable discussion upon the reports on the part of Engineers Morely and Lowry it was decided, on motion of Mr. Hunter, to report to the Finance Committee that about $750,000 will be necessary to complete the water works in full. This excludes the completion of Brilliant Hill reservoir, and the placing of the iron railings around the reservoirs, referred to in the Civil Engineer's estimate. It was also the general sense of the members present that one thousand copies of the above reports be printed in pamphlet form for distribution among the members of the Legislature.

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDDING GIFTS.
FRESH IMPORTATION OF
BRONZES,
Clocks, Side Pieces and Groups.
JOHN STEVENSON'S SONS,
93 Market Street,
PITTSBURGH.

DIED.

HOWLEY—On Monday Morning, December 20, 1875, at 11:25 A. M., MARY JOSEPHINE, eldest daughter of Martin and Cecelia C. Howley, aged 4 years 9 months and 2 days.

The funeral will take place on WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents, corner of Mary and Fortieth streets, Sixteenth ward, to proceed to St. Mary's Cemetery.

WHITE—On Sunday, at 8½ o'clock A. M., JAMES WHITE, in the 36th year of his age.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 101 Wylie avenue, TO-DAY, at 9 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

GRAEFF—On Sunday, December 19, 1875, at 4 o'clock, P. M., PHILIP GRAEFF, silk merchant, in the 53d year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Babylon, Pine Creek, TO-DAY, at 8 o'clock A. M. Interment at Pine Creek.

THOMPSON—On Sunday evening, December 19, 1875, at 7 o'clock, NELLIE, second daughter of Samuel Thompson, in her 19th year.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her father, on Hazlewood avenue, Twenty-third ward, THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

RODY PATTERSON, Jr., No. 117 Fourth avenue. Undertaking in all its branches promptly attended to. Fine carriages and hearses furnished at the lowest prices. Terms, cash.

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FLOWERS FOR HOLIDAYS.

FLOWERS of the finest quality, for Weddings, Banquets, Receptions, &c., in every desired style. Also, Canary Birds, Gold Fish,
Bird Cages, Fern Cases,
Christmas Trees, Ground Pine Wreathing,
Hartford Fern, Autumn Leaves,
Aquaria, Ornamental Grasses,
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25 Gross just received for Winter use. This Celebrated Soap contains one-third part of Sarg's Pure Glycerine. Price, 3 Cakes, 50 Cents. Also, a large lot of Brecknell's Skin Soap, Low's, Lubin's, &c., all direct Importation.
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Orders promptly attended to.
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MONDAY, December 20th, 1875, and during the week,
J. NEWTON GOTTHOLD,
In his new Romantic Drama of
THE VICTOR OF RHE;
Or, Risen from the Dead.
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UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.
New Holiday Scenery, New Effects for the occasion, 30 Scenes, Grand Tableau, the great Floating Ice Scene.
Sanford, Hattie Irvin, Nellie Johnson, Jennie Foster, Mitchell and twenty other well-known artistes.
HOUSE NEWLY HEATED.
Matinees Wednesday and Saturday 2 P. M. Admission 25 and 50 cents. Reserved seats 75 cents. Matinee Wednesday, 25 cents to all parts of the house. Matinee Christmas Day, regular prices.
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Admittance and Supper, 50 cents.

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Haverly's Minstrels,
The largest and most refined Minstrel Organization in the world, in a series of
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Introducing all the
Late Ethiopian Novelties of the Day,
IN A MANNER AND STYLE PECULIAR ALONE TO THIS TROUPE.
Seats at Hale's Music Store. Popular Prices.

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Welsh National Festival, Music, Literature, Songs,
FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS
In Prizes competed for. On Christmas Eve,
A GRAND CONCERT.
Christmas Day, two Matinees, 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., and Christmas night at 7. Admission—Orchestra and Parquette 75c. Dress Circle 50c. Reserved seats 25c extra. Gallery 25c. Reserved seats secured at Sheib's Music Store, No. 70 Fifth avenue.
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ELECTIONS.

GERMAN NAT. BANK OF PITTSBURGH, PA.,
PITTSBURGH, December 15, 1875.
ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M.
y50 JOS. LAURENT, Cashier.

SMITHFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors will be held at the Bank, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, from one to three P. M.
W. W. SCOTT, Cashier.

DUQUESNE NATIONAL BANK.—The annual election for ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, No. 95 Smithfield street, on TUESDAY, January the 11th prox., between the hours of eleven A. M. and — P. M.
A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14, 1875.

ELECTION—THIRD NATIONAL BANK.—The annual election for nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, between the hours of eleven A. M. and one P. M.
W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 11, 1875.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK,
ALLEGHENY, PA., Dec. 13, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
H. A. SPANGLER,
de14-4ty Acting Cashier.

IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 2 and 3 P. M.
de14 GEO. R. DUNCAN, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK—AN Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
F. M. GORDON, Cashier.
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875. de14

MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK.
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.
ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
W. A. SHAW, Cashier.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1875.
ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, No. 46 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M.
y40 A. LONG, Cashier.

CITY NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M.
J. W. TAYLOR, Cashier.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.
ELECTION. — THE ANNUAL election for nine Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of twelve M. and two P. M.
y35 JAMES H. WILLOCK, Cashier.

MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK.—The annual election for Directors will be held at the Bank, TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, from two till three P. M.
WM. H. THOMPSON, Cashier.

FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1876, between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M.
29:y S. GEORGE, JR., Cashier.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1875.
ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for nine Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and one P. M.
R. K. WILSON, Cashier.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF GAS AND GAS METERS FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY.
DESIRING THAT THE PUBLIC should more generally avail themselves of the advantages of this office, I would give notice to persons desiring to have their meters tested to leave their orders at the offices of their respective Gas Companies, or at my office, corner of Twenty-third and Smallman streets, and they will receive prompt attention.
R. H. SMITH, Inspector.

MEETINGS.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATED GAS CO.,
337 PENN STREET,
PITTSBURGH, December 6, 1875.
NOTICE.—A SPECIAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Consolidated Gas Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, December 21, 1875, at 3 o'clock P. M.
By order of the Board.
y18 D. E. BOULTON, JR., Sec'y.